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# From the Staff ...

Major Hugh E. McKay  
Administrative Services Bureau



Each year, I am reminded that July is a special month. Not just for celebrating our nation's independence on the fourth of July, but the month the Missouri State Highway Patrol received its identity. On July 21, 1931, Lewis Ellis, of Bethany, MO, was named the first superintendent by Governor Henry Caufield. A few months later, 55 men reported to the St. Louis Police Academy as members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Recruit Class.

For the next 79 years the Patrol has continued this training process. On July 1, 2010, the 92<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Class reported to our Training Academy in Jefferson City to begin their part of this time honored tradition within the Patrol. Thirty-seven men and women will dedicate 25 weeks of their lives to learn a new job and begin what we hope is a long career. Our duties, responsibilities, and state training standards obviously have changed since that time in 1931, and we now require no less than 1,000 hours of recruit training. Topics like computer basics, mobile computing devices (MCDs), computer accident diagramming, traffic radar, MULES certification, radio communication procedures, and emergency vehicle operations are among those topics not on Colonel Ellis' curriculum list as training classes in 1931. Also, I neglected to mention the most obvious course not on Col. Ellis' list: We now have a five hour class on Patrol history that I am sure Col. Ellis could have taught in less than five minutes!

Even though 79 years and 91 recruit classes have gone by, and the training has changed, one thing has not. The members of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Class began their training as individuals. Those that commit themselves and complete their Academy training will graduate as part of a team and become members of the Patrol family that has existed for almost 80 years. I wish them all success.

*H.E. McKay*

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*Congratulations to Assistant Garage Superintendent Paul R. Becker, Q/MED, (center) who reached 25 years of service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on May 1, 2010. Celebrating this momentous occasion with him are (left to right) Lt. Col. Richard L. Coffey, Q/Staff; Capt. Ronald L. Walker, Q/FOB; Garage Superintendent Gerald C. "Gerry" Andres, Q/MED; his wife, Special Assistant Jennifer L. "Jenny" Becker, Q/FOB; Director Larry G. Rains, Q/MED; and Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB. Paul is holding his 25-year pin.*

## Cover

*Capt. Chadwick (since retired) prepares to take a swing. (clockwise) Tpr. Jeffrey M. Toal, Troop A, searches for something in the tall grass. Retired Capt. Bob Hagen and retired Lt. Harold Stanfield enjoyed their day of golfing. This foursome -- Capt. Robert Stieffermann, Q/PSD, retired Lt. Phil Ahern, retired Sgt. Jon Daniel, and retired Capt. Paul Parmenter -- locate their golf balls after arriving on the green.*

# PERSPECTIVE

## *Ozarks Honor Flight: A Day Of Service To WWII Veterans*

*By Ret. Sgt. Lionel A. Daugherty*

On Tuesday, June 22, 3:05 a.m. came early for me when the alarm sounded to wake for a day I will long cherish and remember. It has been a long time since I have had to get up that early, especially since I have been retired for nearly seven years, and getting a "call out" just prior to my retirement did not occur that often. But, I welcomed the alarm, as my excitement was growing and I was looking forward to the day. I was going with the "Ozarks Honor Flight", an organization that takes WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., to view the WWII memorial, as well as several others. My role was that of a "guardian", and once I arrived at the airport I was assigned a veteran for the day.

The guardians were briefed and given a name tag, a blue T-shirt, and a backpack with supplies. The veterans received a white T-shirt. My veteran was Mr. Robert L. Dunning, 84, of Clinton, MO. Mr. Dunning served in the U.S. Navy as a corpsman in the South Pacific. He later served the citizens of Missouri in the House of Representatives for 14 years as a legislator from the 117<sup>th</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> districts.

Along with the Ozarks Honor Flight organizers, 76 veterans and their guardians boarded the airplane for Washington, D.C., around 6 a.m. The following branches of the service were represented: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and the Coast Guard. As we boarded the plane, I knew this would be a day of pleasure and an experience I would long remember.

We soon touched down at Dulles International Airport, and the veterans were welcomed by a group of local supporters waving flags and carrying signs of thank you and support.

There were three tour buses waiting for us. In no time, we were headed to the WWII memorial. Once we arrived there, emotions were running high. They were expressed easily as the veterans reminisced and shared their feelings of service to their country. The WWII memorial was authorized in 1993, opened on April 29, 2004, and dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

After about an hour, we loaded on the bus and headed to the Marine Corps war memorial. While the statue, Iwo Jima, depicts one of the most famous incidents of WWII, the memorial is dedicated to all Marines who have given their lives in the defense of the United States since 1775. I took Mr. Dunning's picture with two young Marines at the memorial. He spoke of their efforts and how the rock around the memorial represented the conditions of the environment at Iwo Jima.

After a box lunch on the bus, we then headed to the Korean War memorial and the Vietnam War memorial. The Korean War memorial was dedicated on July 27, 1995. The memorial contains 19 statues, each 7'3" tall, representing 14 Army, three Marines, one Navy, and one Air Force soldier. A granite wall bears the simple message, inlaid in silver: "Freedom is Not Free". The Vietnam War memorial was completed in October 1982, and dedicated a month later. Each of the black granite walls is 246.75 feet long and they contain a total of 58,260 names.

Our final stop was at Arlington National Cemetery. We saw the Tomb of the Unknowns and observed the changing of the guard. The "old guard", one of the oldest and most respected infantry regiments in the U.S. Army, has the awesome responsibility

of both guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and for escorting deceased Army service members to their final rest in the "Gardens of Stone", as Arlington is sometimes called. The Old Guard paces 21 steps back and forth, and pauses for 21 seconds at each end. This alludes to the 21-gun salute, which is the highest honor given to any military or foreign dignitary. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year since 1930.

As the "old guard" sergeant is retiring from the area, and after he makes his final right turn back toward the amphitheater, he shuffles his feet three times, his salute to the Honor Flight veterans in attendance. This was certainly a moving moment for Mr. Dunning. Mr. Dunning held up very well as the day was getting long and the heat swelled well into the '90s. Mr. Dunning was allowed a moment of privacy as he walked out alone among the white memorial stones, pausing several times. He later said this was a very moving time for him. It seems like the white stones go on forever.

Also located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery is the Women in Military Service for America memorial, dedicated October 18, 1997. The memorial honors 2.5 million women who have served or are serving in or with the U.S. Armed Forces, starting with the American Revolution.

The sun was chasing the horizon as we unloaded back at Dulles for the return to Springfield. As we waited to board the airplane for home, the exhausted veterans were surprised when

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they heard the yell of “mail call”. The organizers had a “mail call” package for each veteran. This was a moving moment as Mr. Dunning was given his mail, which included letters from home, school children, friends, and others. He was deeply touched as he read a letter from his grandson, a minister in Kentucky, who thanked him for his service to the country as well as being a special grandpa. There was not a dry eye to be found during this tribute.

Upon arrival at the Springfield airport, the veterans were once again met by friends and family members, and a final “welcome home” announcement was given to each veteran as the crowd cheered, waved flags, and carried signs of encouragement and thanks for their service to the nation. As long as the day was, the schedule gave veterans plenty of time to observe and enjoy the memorials. Walking across the parking lot for my drive home, I realized this 21-hour day was a day I will long cherish, remember, and appreciate. Mr. Robert L. Dunning is truly a gentleman, hero, and great example of someone from “The Greatest Generation”. Thank you, R.L.

The Honor Flight Network program was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and retired Air Force captain. The first flight took to the air in May 2005, as six small planes flew 12 happy veterans from Ohio to see the WWII memorial. This is a free service offered to veterans with 71 hubs in 30 states. During our day in Washington, D.C., we also observed Honor Flights from Illinois and Iowa. Thank you, Ozarks Honor Flight, for providing this service to our veterans.

*For information about Ozarks Honor Flight contact [Info@ozarkshonorflight.com](mailto:Info@ozarkshonorflight.com).*

## New Tradition Honors MSHP Heroes

*By Troop A*

Losing an officer is very painful for the Patrol, especially for the officer's “home troop”. Troop A has lost three of its officers since the Patrol's creation--Trooper Wayne W. Allman (KOD October 27, 1955), Corporal Michael E. Webster (KOD October 2, 1993), and Trooper Michael L. Newton (KOD May 22, 2003). There are many ways to honor the memory of an officer killed in the line of duty, and several of the troops have such traditions. But, did you know Troop A arranges for wreaths to be placed at the gravesite of its troop heroes on Memorial Day?

This tradition, directed by Lieutenant James P. Ripley, Troop A, is only a couple of years old. The wreaths are paid for by the Troop A “flower fund”, and delivered personally by a trooper who lives near the cemetery where a Troop A hero is laid to rest. This year, on behalf of Troop A, Cpl. Mike Petlansky, Troop C, delivered the wreath to Cpl. Webster's grave in Normandy, MO; Sgt. John A. Cyrus, Troop D, took the wreath to Tpr. Allman's grave in Aurora, MO; and Capt. Lee Ann H. Kenley delivered the wreath to Tpr. Newton's grave near Rolla, MO.

Thank you, to each of these officers for helping Troop A honor Cpl. Webster, Tpr. Allman, and Tpr. Newton, who made the Ultimate Sacrifice.



*Troop A honors officers who died in the line of duty while assigned to that troop with a special delivery on Memorial Day.*

# Rural Task Force Reports Success

On August 20, 2009, Governor Jay Nixon announced a grant had been awarded to the Patrol. This grant funded the Rural Crimes Task Force from August 1, 2009 until July 31, 2011.

Since the Rural Crime Investigative Unit's inception, it has solved 224 out of 506 cases, resulting in 94 arrests and the recovery of property valued at \$1,578,138.20. A breakdown of the type and number of cases is as follows:

- Homicide -- 2
- Sexual Assault -- 1
- Burglary -- 47
- Stealing/Stolen Motor Vehicle -- 245
- Arson -- 7
- Forgery -- 5
- Fraud -- 126
- Property Damage -- 13
- Stolen Property -- 37
- Obstructing Judicial Process -- 2
- Weapons -- 2
- Dangerous Drugs -- 1
- Peace Disturbance -- 10
- Health and Safety -- 2
- Motor Vehicle Violation -- 2
- Inmate Interview -- 1
- Property Lost/Stolen -- 3

An example of one of the cases was an investigation that began in early April 2010, when a concerned citizen reported a stolen farm tractor to the Barry County Sheriff's Department. This phone call led to an important, cooperative effort between the Patrol's Rural Crimes Unit and several sheriff's departments. The investigation included undercover officers purchasing the following stolen tractors and equipment:

- April 2010 -- 2007 John Deere tractor valued at \$50,000.
- April 2010 -- John Deere tractor valued at \$25,000.
- May 2010 -- Case Skid Steer valued at \$10,000.
- May 2010 -- Case tractor with loader valued at \$26,000.



*Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D, greets those attending the news conference after a successful joint operation between the Patrol's Rural Crimes Task Force and several Troop D sheriff's departments.*

As a result of the investigation, a search warrant was executed at a residence in Barry County on May 13, 2010. The following stolen items were recovered at the residence:

- John Deere 7230 tractor -- valued at \$90,000
- 2004 Ford F-350 truck with Cannonball bed -- valued at \$25,000
- 25' Gooseneck trailer -- valued at \$15,000
- 25' Gooseneck trailer -- valued at \$10,000
- 10' John Deere brush hog -- valued at \$4,000
- Case Haybine -- valued at \$8,000
- 30 rolls of barbed wire
- Over 300 six-foot fence posts (new)
- Two Ritchie watering bins
- PTO driven seeder (The last four items were stolen from a farm supply store in Hickory County and had a total value of \$7,500.)

Following the search warrant, a "knock and talk" investigation was conducted in Newton County on May 13, 2010, resulting in the seizure of several other stolen items.

To date, the theft and/or recovery involved nine counties in Troop D: Barry, Barton, Dade, Greene, Hickory, Jasper, Lawrence, Newton, and Polk. A news conference took place at Troop D Headquarters on May 18, 2010. The following sheriffs or their representatives were present: Barry County Sheriff Mick Epperly, Barton County Sheriff Mitch Shaw, Dade County Sheriff Steve Stapp, Greene County Major Phil Corcoran and Capt. Randy Gibson, Jasper County Lt. Ron Thomas, Lawrence County Lt. Mike Madewell, and Newton County Detective Henry Stout and Detective Dale Brashears.

## August

August 11

August 17

August 23

- State Fair begins.
- Cpl. J.A. Sampietro Jr. died in 2005.
- State Fair ends.

# Anniversaries

## August

*25 years*

MVI Sprv. Van E. Ludwig,  
Troop C  
Traffic Safety Analyst III  
Michelle M. Green, Q/TFD  
Chief Oper. Vinita K. Williams,  
Troop G

*20 years*

Asst. Chief Oper. Randall T.  
Ebers, Troop I

*15 years*

MVI III Dwight L. Christian,  
Troop F  
Cpl. Jeremie L. Keathley,  
Troop I

*10 years*

DE II Dana J. Mueller, Troop B  
DE III Ronda R. Pekarek,  
Troop D  
Clerk IV Ronda K. Shoush,  
Troop B  
Clerk Typist III Heather M.  
Smith, Troop C

*5 years*

Clerk Typist III Carol L. Hobbs,  
Troop C  
DE III Pamela J. Cox, Troop A  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II  
Edward W. Waggoner,  
Troop C  
CIT III Larry J. Fennewald,  
Q/ISD  
Quality Control Clerk II Theresa  
L. Kampeter, Q/TFD  
Crim. Intel. Anal. II Tracy L.  
Lehmen, Q/DDCC

## September

*30 years*

Chief Oper. Roger M. Heard,  
Troop H

*25 years*

MVI III Jefferson E. Barron,  
Troop C  
Cpl. Ronald L. Cole, Troop D  
Sgt. Gary D. Davidson, Q/GD  
Cpl. Clint E. Dill, Troop G  
Sr. CJIS Mgr. Carla J. Doll,  
Q/CJISD  
Lt. David E. Earney, Troop F  
Sgt. Michael J. Engelbrecht,  
Q/GSD  
Cpl. Jeffrey J. Everett, Q/GD  
Sgt. Hugh A. Fowler, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Dwayne D. Gale, Troop G  
Sgt. Stephen L. Grass, Troop G  
Sgt. Craig E. Harrison, Q/GD  
Tpr. John F. Harrison, Q/GD  
Sgt. Kevin G. Haywood Sr.,  
Troop H  
Capt. Sandra K. Karsten, Q/HRD  
Cpl. Greg D. Kenley, Troop E  
Capt. Lee Ann H. Kenley, Troop I  
Lt. George F. Knowles, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Andy J. Ley, Q/GD  
Sgt. Sheldon A. Lyon, Troop H  
Capt. Kyle D. Marquart, Q/DDCC  
Cpl. Michael A. McClain, Q/GSD  
Sgt. Douglas B. McPike, Troop F  
Cpl. David H. Mease, Q/DDCC  
Lt. Sean B. Moore, Troop E  
Sgt. Dwayne S. Reed, Q/DDCC  
Sgt. Donald L. Schmitz II,  
Q/DDCC  
Capt. Kemp A. Shoun, Q/BPD

Sgt. John P. Siecinski, Q/GD  
Sgt. Terry R. Spain, Q/GD  
Sgt. Wade E. Stuart, Q/DDCC

*20 years*

Asst. Div. Dir. Connie E. Farrow,  
Q/MIAC  
Tech. Support Mgr. Mark A.  
Huhn, Q/ISD  
Crim. Sprv. William A. Randle,  
Q/CLD

*10 years*

Tpr. Travis L. Brown, Troop G  
Tpr. Jason C. Daly, Troop H  
CVO II Michael A. Enloe,  
Troop C  
Tpr. Parrish M. Lutz, Troop H  
CVO II Jeffrey A. Meyer,  
Troop A  
CVO Sprv. II Terri J. Noland,  
Troop H  
Tpr. Bradley D. Odle, Troop G  
CVO Sprv. I Kenneth L. Shewey  
Jr., Troop H  
Tpr. Mark L. Starmer, Troop H  
Criminalist Jason W. Crafton,  
Q/CLD  
Auto. Tech. III Bruce F.  
Brookshire, Troop I  
DE Sprv. Tonia L. Daly, Troop H

*5 years*

CIT Trainee Branden S. Coker,  
Q/ISD  
Latent Tech. I Adam W. Patton,  
Q/CJISD  
Comm. Oper. II Eric W. Presser,  
Troop G  
AFIS Entry Oper. III Angela K.  
Schepers, Q/CJISD

## Patrol History Trivia

*By Mr. Shawn R. McCarver and Mr. Russ Lindenlaub*

Do you have a "Number 1 Gun"? MSHP property card records for the five-inch, .38-caliber, Combat Masterpiece show the serial numbers and names of each trooper to whom the revolver was assigned. Listed below are the serial numbers first assigned to a uniformed member who also served as superintendent.

Note: Some of these revolvers went back into property for repairs or

upon retirement of an officer, and were reissued at a later date to different troopers. So, it is possible that a given serial number on this list was reissued to a different trooper prior to the weapon being retired from service in 1976. Names shown are the member to whom each revolver was first issued.

K150849 E.I. Hockaday  
K150857 D.E. Harrison

K156314 H.H. Waggoner  
K156383 S.S. Smith\*  
K156600 A.S. Whitmer  
K156876 A.R. Lubker  
K157596 H.J. Hoffman

*\*Col. Smith's widow donated his revolver to the Patrol's Safety Education Center.*

About the authors: Shawn R. McCarver has been a practicing attorney in Farmington, MO, for 26 years. He will take office as associate circuit judge on January 1, 2011. Russ Lindenlaub is retired and resides in St. James, MO.



# ***Suspicious Lead To Marijuana Seizure***

***By Troop A***

On May 10, 2010, at approximately 6:45 a.m., Commercial Vehicle Officer Supervisor I Michael L. "Mike" Dayringer, Troop A, stopped a northbound 1996 Freightliner tractor-trailer on Interstate 35, at the Kearney weigh station, in Clay County, for a safety compliance check. Due to reasonable suspicion, including inconsistent statements from the driver, Trooper Brody R. Sanson responded to the scale house. Consent to search was requested and granted. A roadside search revealed approximately 1,240 pounds of processed marijuana located inside the semi-trailer, wrapped in 88 red and green packages. The driver, a 55-year-old, Los Angeles, CA, resident was arrested for first degree drug trafficking. He was transported to the Clay County Sheriff's Department.



*CVO Sprv. I Mike Dayringer stands between two pickup trucks loaded with marijuana seized during a commercial vehicle inspection. Great work, Mike!*

## **Troop F Honors Michael Holz**

***By Troop F***

On April 22, 2010, Cpl. Mark G. Broniec and Trooper Matthew E. "Matt" Morice were parked on Interstate 70 at the 166-mile marker crossover when they heard Montgomery County Ambulance and Fire dispatched to the 165-mile marker for an unconscious and non-breathing MoDOT worker. After responding to the scene, they found a man, later identified as Mr. Howard Q. Todd, lying in the median with coworkers performing CPR. Tpr. Morice and Cpl. Broniec took over CPR efforts for approximately 10 minutes before a motorist stopped and offered assistance. The man, later identified as Mr. Michael T. Holz, is a Columbia firefighter, paramedic, and CPR instructor. Mr. Holz relieved Tpr. Morice until paramedics arrived a few minutes later. Mr. Todd was released from the hospital on April 29, 2010, and has recovered. On May 20, 2010, Mr. Holz was awarded an "Honorary Trooper" certificate during the Troop F sergeants' meeting.



*(l to r) Cpl. Mark Broniec, Mr. Howard Q. Todd, Mr. Michael T. Holz, and Tpr. Matt E. Morice are pictured after the Troop F sergeants' meeting.*



## Chief Tech. Keith O. Randall



**Appointed:** February 1, 1990.

**First Assignment:** Radio & Telecommunications Technician -- Troop H, St Joseph.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** R&T Tech. 1st Class -- February 1, 1993; Assistant Chief Telecommunications Engineer -- April 1, 1995; Shop Engineer -- February 1, 2001; Chief -- August 1, 2004; Chief Technician -- July 8, 2008.

**Interests:** When he isn't working, Keith enjoys watching television with his kids, playing golf, and participating in church, community, and fraternity activities. Keith is also a high school football official, which he's done for nine years.

Keith graduated from Vigor High School in Prichard, AL, and then earned his degree in electronics engineering technology from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. Keith first started as a radio operator Troop H. St. Joseph was a huge culture shock--moving to the Midwest from "LA" (Lower Alabama).

"I had never seen that much snow, had no idea what an ice scraper was, and not being able to go to the beach on Easter Sunday was very hard to accept. If it had not been for the wonderful people in Troop H, I don't know what I would have done."

In 1995, he was promoted and transferred to Troop E, Poplar Bluff,

and was assigned to the Sikeston Service Center as an assistant chief. He transferred to Troop F, Jefferson City, in 1996, and was reassigned to the GHQ Radio Shop in 2001. Since that time, he's been on several special assignments involving the Mobile Communications and Command Vehicle, usually after tornados, floods, or ice storms. Keith said the most interesting assignment was when he traveled with other Patrol personnel to Mississippi to assist after Hurricane Katrina.

"God has blessed me with a job that is both challenging and rewarding, and full of wonderful people," said Keith. "Thanks to all of you."

## Steno. III Melodie A. Odle



**Appointed:** March 8, 2004.

**First Assignment:** Clerk Typist III, Troop G, Willow Springs.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Stenographer III -- April 29, 2007.

**Current Assignment:** Stenographer III, Troop G, Willow Springs.

**Family:** Melodie is married to Trooper Bradley D. Odle, and they have a son, Corbin (5), and a daughter, Kenlie (18 months).

**Interests:** Melodie enjoys spending summer weekends on the lake and any free time with family and friends.

Melodie was born and raised in Big Piney, MO, and graduated from

Plato High School. She married Brad on May 20, 2000, and the couple moved to Lee's Summit, MO. She went to work at Troop A as a clerk typist, and Brad began working at Troop A as a commercial vehicle officer. In October 2001, Brad was accepted into the Patrol Academy to become a trooper. After he graduated, he was assigned to Troop G, Willow Springs. Melodie was unable to transfer immediately; however, when an opening presented itself at Troop G Headquarters, she applied. Melodie is the proud mom of two children who are plastered all over the walls of her office. If you ever need a laugh, just ask her how her kids are and she will have a story to tell. Melodie enjoys processing DWIs and criminal reports at Troop G.

"Some of the people officers have to deal with amaze me. They keep my job interesting."

## Tpr. Bradley D. "Brad" Odle



**Appointed:** September 1, 2000.

**First Assignment:** Commercial Vehicle Officer, Troop A.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:**

Trooper -- October 16, 2001,

**Current Assignment:** Troop G, Zone 3, Howell and Shannon counties.

**Family:** Brad is married to Stenographer III Melodie Odle. They have a son, Corbin (5), and a daughter, Kenlie (18 months).

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## Spotlight

**Interests:** Brad loves hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors, especially when he can take his son, Corbin.

Brad was born in Houston, MO, and graduated from high school in Willow Springs, MO. His patrol career began in Troop A as a commercial vehicle officer where he worked at the Lone Jack and Odessa scales. Brad currently serves on the Troop G marijuana eradication team and is a mace instructor for Troop G. During his career, Brad has been assigned to the governor's inauguration detail, and also assists with the stop and approach phase of recruit training. He enjoys the challenge of working the rural areas of Troop G alongside some great co-workers.

### Clerk IV Crystal L. Smith



**Appointed:** July 22, 2007.

**First Assignment:** Clerk IV, Budget & Procurement Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Current Assignment:** Clerk IV, Budget & Procurement Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

**Family:** I met my husband, Philip Smith, in 1997, while working a summer job at the horse stables at the Lake of the Ozarks State Park.

We were married on September 9, 2000. We now live in Ashland, MO, where he works as a Boone County deputy and K-9 handler.

**Interests:** I ride horses and compete with the National Barrel Horse Association in barrel racing on my horse, "Otis". As a team, Otis and I have won one championship saddle and two reserve championship trophy buckles. I competed at the NBHA World Championships held in Augusta, GA, in 2005. I also love to fish, hunt, bake, and spend time with my husband and family.

I grew up on the family farm outside of Eldon, MO, with my two brothers and wonderful parents, DeeEllen and the late Curtis Atkinson. My oldest brother, Neil Atkinson, works at Troop F as a commercial vehicle enforcement trooper. My other brother, Mark Atkinson, is a farmer and lives near Eldon, MO. My mother, DeeEllen Maher, and stepfather, Kent Maher, own and operate a cattle and hay farm near Eldon, MO. The farm was homesteaded by my father's family in the early 1800s; the house I grew up in was built in 1884 by my great-great-uncle.

My stepfather owns Maher Auction Company. He and both of my brothers are auctioneers. In my spare time, I help the family by clerking the sales. I attended Eldon High School and graduated in 1996. In October 1997, I started working for the state of Missouri, and have worked for the Revenue, Corrections, and Mental Health departments. In January 2010, I started the Missouri Sheriffs' Association Training Academy. I plan on graduating December 7, 2010, with a Class A POST Certification.

## HB1868 Shifts MSWP To MSHP

On June 30, 2010, in the sunshine on Lake of the Ozarks' Public Beach #2, Gov. Jay Nixon signed HB 1868, thus shifting the Missouri State Water Patrol to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It will be known as the Division of Water Patrol. There will be no reduction in the number of Water Patrol or Highway Patrol officers. The unifying of the Water Patrol and the Highway Patrol takes effect Jan. 1, 2011. At that time, Water Patrol officers will become Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers and will begin wearing the blue uniform of the Highway Patrol.

The Missouri State Water Patrol has more than 90 sworn officers who patrol Missouri's lakes, streams, and rivers. The agency was created in 1959, as the Missouri Boat Commission, and originally had eight officers. Currently, officers receive more than 1,200 hours of academy training and are among the state's most highly trained law enforcement officers.

In 1974, the name was changed to the Division of Water Safety. In 1989, the agency became the Missouri State Water Patrol. Many of the lakes the Water Patrol has responsibility for today did not exist in 1959, when the agency was created—including Truman, Smithville, Blue Springs, Stockton, Long Branch and Mark Twain lakes.

The Water Patrol is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and was the first exclusively waterborne law enforcement agency to gain CALEA accreditation.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol currently has more than 1,060 sworn members and 1,140 civilian employees. It was established in 1931, has held CALEA accreditation since November 1992, and has had CALEA flagship accreditation since 2006.



# Tragedy Averted — Why We Do What We Do

*By Captain Londell Jamerson, Q/CVED*

During the week of April 12, 2010, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) conducted a truck check in Boone, Callaway, and Cole counties. The truck check involved 14 commercial vehicle enforcement troopers and commercial vehicle officers who focused their enforcement activities on Interstate 70 and U.S. Highways 54 and 63.

On April 14, 2010, I was on a field day, riding with Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division Training Coordinator/Sergeant Kevin Kelley westbound on Interstate 70 near the 145-mile marker in Callaway County. We observed an eastbound tractor trailer with tinted windows pulling a flatbed trailer carrying four generators. Median cable barriers prevented us from crossing the median to turn around and stop the vehicle. So, Sgt. Kelley radioed Trooper Eddie J. Walker, who was east of our location, to stop the vehicle.

Tpr. Walker stopped the vehicle on the ramp from I-70 to U.S. 54 and made the initial contact with the driver. When Sgt. Kelley and I arrived on scene and took a closer look at this truck, it became clear to us that this vehicle was in need of a full inspection, due to its cargo leaking diesel fuel. The truck was moved to a safe location and the inspection began.

During the inspection, the 35-year-old male driver from Gallipolis, Ohio, stated to Tpr. Walker, "You won't find a cleaner 1990 Peterbilt anywhere."

The driver seemed to be very confident and proud of his truck and equipment, but when the inspection was over, the true condition of the vehicle was revealed. The inspection began at 10:20 a.m. and ended at 11:45 a.m. During this 1 hour and 25 minute long inspection, Sgt. Kelley and Tpr. Walker discovered 21 safety violations, five of which required the vehicle to be placed out-of-service. The most notable out-of-service violations (OOS) are as follows: mis-matched brake



*Commercial vehicle enforcement trooper Tpr. Eddie Walker, Troop D, and Sgt. Kevin Kelley, Q/CVED, talk to a driver during the truck check.*

chambers on the steering axle (the left chamber was size 20 and the right was size 30); brakes out-of-service (the number of defective brakes is equal to or greater than 20 percent of the service brakes on the vehicle or combination); leaking cargo (excessive diesel fuel leaking from one of the generators being hauled); damaged securement devices (front and rear securement straps torn).

The inspection also revealed the driver's record of duty status was not current and nearly all of the brakes on the truck and trailer were out of adjustment. The vehicle's rear brake lights and turn signal lights were inoperative, also. The sad reality was the condition of this truck is representative of a significant number of commercial vehicles travelling on our nation's highways every day. The safety violations found during this inspection averted a tragedy and this is *why we do what we do*. The driver of this truck must have had some idea about the poor condition of his vehicle and load. Just as I know when the tires feel a little low or the brakes feel a little soft on my patrol car or personal vehicle, this driver must have known his truck had some safety issues. Whether he was aware of it or not, he put himself and countless others across the country in harms'

way by driving an unsafe commercial vehicle with a registered gross weight of 80,000 pounds on our roadways.

I am confident that the implementation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Comprehensive Safety Analysis (CSA) -- 2010, the employment of Smart Road Side initiatives, and similar emerging technologies will provide roadside inspectors with better information to target and select unsafe drivers and vehicles for inspection. Safety and the reduction of the number of serious injury and fatal traffic crashes involving commercial vehicles is our primary goal. From 2007 through 2009, Missouri experienced a 46.5 percent decrease in the number of fatal traffic crashes involving commercial vehicles. This reduction can be attributed to a number of reasons, such as: persistent enforcement, compliance reviews/safety audits, and safer trucks, drivers, and equipment, etc.

Truck checks and other enforcement/regulatory strategies, coupled with good working partnerships with federal, state, local, and private industry are necessary to ensure our roadways remain safe for all to travel.

# SAR Honors Tpr. Robert J. Kolilis

*By Sgt. Phillip W. Morrison, Q/GD*

Trooper Robert J. Kolilis was presented posthumously with the Missouri Silver Medal by the Missouri Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) during the SAR's annual convention in Columbia, MO, on April 24, 2010. At the same time, Robert's father, Gus Kolilis, was recognized for his many years of public service and accepted the Missouri Law Enforcement Medal. Gus Kolilis humbly accepted the awards and reflected upon the memory of his son, Robert. The audience gave a standing ovation upon presentation of the awards. Patrol members from the area attended the event.

Tpr. Robert J. Kolilis died in the line of duty on September 21, 1988, as a result of injuries sustained when he was struck by a pickup truck on Missouri Highway M in Washington County. He was the 16th member of the Patrol to make the Ultimate Sacrifice.



*Photo credit: Photo courtesy of SAR member Russ Devenney, Columbia, MO.*

*(l to r) Tpr. Anthony C. "Tony" Helfrecht, Troop F; Tpr. Kyle A. Green, Troop F; Sgt. Phillip W. "Phil" Morrison, Q/GD; Tpr. Jonathan A. "Jon" Cluver, Troop F; Major Dale A. Schmidt, Q/SSB; and Mr. Gus Kolilis. Major Schmidt and Sgt. Morrison are members of the Sons of the American Revolution.*

The SAR is a "lineage" society. This means that each member of the SAR has traced their family tree back to a point of having an ancestor who

supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783. To learn more about the SAR you can visit [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org).

## Moberly Optimists Applaud Tpr. Mattingly

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

For over 30 years, the Moberly Optimist Club has recognized the efforts of Randolph County law enforcement officers by holding an annual "Respect For Law" ceremony. The event is held each year during National Police Week. During the ceremony, officers from the Moberly Correctional Center, Randolph County Sheriff's Department, Moberly Police Department, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol are honored for their positive law enforcement efforts in Randolph County.

The 2010 Moberly Optimist Club "Respect for Law" ceremony, took place on May 11, at Nelly's Restaurant in Moberly. The club chose Trooper Jason M. Mattingly as the Patrol's recipient of the award. Tpr. Mattingly, who

is assigned to Zone 11 and serves the citizens of Monroe and Randolph counties, was nominated by Sergeant Barry W. Graskewicz and Corporal G. Frank Riley. Tpr. Mattingly was nominated to receive the award for his great work ethic and positive attitude. During 2009, Tpr. Mattingly made 752 arrests, issued 1,232 warnings, and removed 13 intoxicated drivers from Missouri's highways. He also investigated 38 traffic crashes, including three fatality crashes, and responded to 365 calls for service.

Mr. James D. Balmer of the State Technical Assistance Team served as the guest speaker at the event, and assisted with the presentation of awards.



*Tpr. Jason M. Mattingly (left) holds his award from the Moberly Optimist Club. Cpl. G. Frank Riley (right) attended the event. (Photo courtesy of Moberly Monitor Index newspaper.)*



# Tip-A-Cop Benefits SOMO

*By Sgt. Martin K. "Marty" Elmore, Troop G*

Patrons dining at the Colton's Steak House & Grill in West Plains, on the evening of May 13, 2010, may have been surprised to find that some of the people waiting on them that night seemed a little nervous. The nervousness came from the realization that the act of balancing several large drinks on a serving tray is not as easy as it looks! (Yes, there were a couple of minor mishaps!) You see, several Troop G members and civilian employees volunteered their time to raise funds for Special Olympics Missouri by waiting tables that evening in an effort that was aptly dubbed "Tip-A-Cop". Those Patrol employees were joined by several Special Olympics athletes and coaches, as well as representatives from the Special Olympics Missouri organization.

Diners were given an envelope by their "special" waiters/waitresses that



*Patrol employees, Special Olympians, and Colton's staff enjoyed raising funds for Special Olympics Missouri during "Tip-A-Cop" night at this restaurant's West Plains location.*

contained information about Special Olympics Missouri and the associated athletic games. Many of those customers answered the call by placing a donation in the envelope and depositing

it in a large wicker basket near the restaurant's exit. A contribution of \$5 allowed folks the opportunity to take out an "arrest warrant" on someone else, resulting in a quick trip for the victim to the Tip-A-Cop Jail where they were photographed peering through the bars. A large table in the foyer sported Law Enforcement Torch Run T-shirts

for sale. The effort that evening raised \$1,689.75 with additional late contributions bringing the total raised to over \$1,740.

Troop G wishes to thank Mr. Justin Mitchell, Colton's proprietor, for his support and willingness to allow us to essentially take over his restaurant for a night. All the Colton's employees were fantastic in their enthusiasm -- a significant financial contribution was made by that group as well. At the end of the night, everyone involved went away feeling good about doing something to make a difference in the lives of some very deserving special athletes.

## IACP Recognizes MSHP

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) selected the Missouri State Highway Patrol to receive the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual IACP-iXP Excellence in Technology award. This award recognizes law enforcement agencies' superior achievement and innovation in the field of communication and information technology.

The IACP and iXP Corporation hosted an awards ceremony to recognize the 2010 IACP-iXP Excellence in Technology award winners on Monday, May 24, 2010. The ceremony took place at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta in conjunction with the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual IACP Law Enforcement Information Management (LEIM) Conference.



*Pictured are Captain Kim E. Hull, Q/CommD, Director Clifford R. Gronauer, Q/ISD, Colonel Ron Replogle, Police Chief Mark A. Marshall (Smithfield, VA), and Major Robert E. "Bob" Bloomberg, Q/TSB.*

# Promotions and Reclassifications



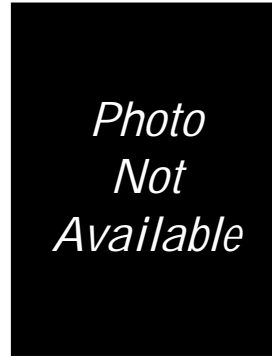
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Captain  
Troop G



Gregory K. Smith  
Captain  
Q/FOB



Ethan P. Ahern  
Lieutenant  
Q/FOB



Philip E. Gregory  
Lieutenant  
Q/DDCC



Dale O. Jinkens  
Lieutenant  
Troop A



Paul D. Kerperin  
Lieutenant  
Q/FOB



Keverne L. McCollum  
Lieutenant  
Q/CJISD



Jon C. Pruiett  
Lieutenant  
Troop E



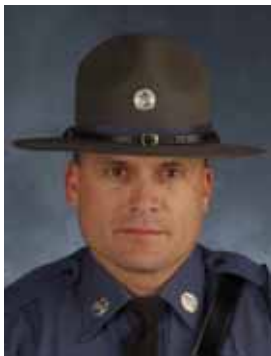
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Q/TND



Andrew J. Bell  
Sergeant  
Troop A



James A. Bennett  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



Shannon W. Crouch  
Sergeant  
Troop D



Kevin M. Fisher  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Jason C. Flanigan  
Sergeant  
Q/GD



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Kevin J. Hunter  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Brian E. Kelley  
Sergeant  
Troop A



William W. Lowe  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Steven L. Lutjen  
Sergeant  
Troop A



R. Brooks McGinnis  
Sergeant  
Troop A



G. Frank Riley  
Sergeant  
Troop B



Kenneth J. Schulte  
Sergeant  
Q/DDCC



Timmy D. Shoop  
Sergeant  
Troop B



Michael P. Fennewald  
Corporal  
Troop A



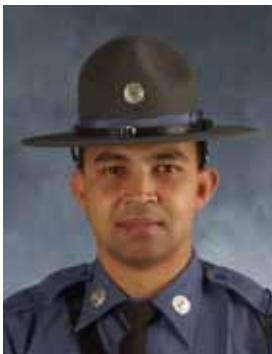
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Corporal  
Troop D



Jimmie C. Howell  
Corporal  
Troop G



David L. Hughes  
Corporal  
Q/GD



Marcel M. Jones  
Corporal  
Troop E



Jeremie L. Keathley  
Corporal  
Troop I



Jason M. Mattingly  
Corporal  
Troop B

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Douglas M. McDaniel  
Corporal  
Troop E



James D. Ogden  
Corporal  
Troop A



Neil R. Poynter  
Corporal  
Troop I



Shannon S. Sitton  
Corporal  
Q/DDCC



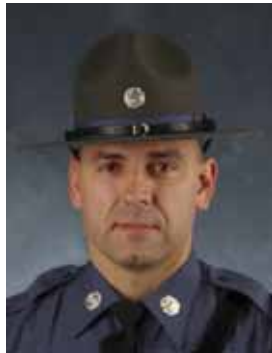
Jeremy S. Stewart  
Corporal  
Troop E



Carl A. Taibi  
Corporal  
Troop A



Ryan S. Thompson  
Corporal  
Troop F



Eddie J. Walker  
Corporal  
Troop D



Gerry L. West  
Corporal  
Troop F



Margaret A. Forck  
Comm. Tech. III  
Q/CommD



Bradley W. Coffey  
Comm. Tech. III  
Q/CommD



Matthew F. Becker  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



John P. Callihan  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



Leslie A. Goedecke  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



Pennie S. Weisacosky  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop I



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Gerald L. Arbuthnot  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop C



Shaminie J.  
Athinarayanan  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Roy D. Barton  
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint.  
Sprv.  
Troop B



Nancy M. Brown  
DE III  
Troop B



Lance R. Cantrell  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop A



Ted A. Cates Jr.  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop A



Kyle W. Comer  
UCR Trainer/QA  
Auditor  
Q/CJISD



Deborah K. Daniel  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop H



Christopher D. Feilner  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop C



Ellen L. Floyd  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop C



Matthew R. Freeman  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop E



Joseph T. Garland  
CVO Sprv. I  
Troop D



Fredric J. Gilbert  
DE III  
Troop C



Jeffrey L. Hamilton  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop E



Stacy R. Hillis  
MVI Sprv.  
Troop E

# Promotions and Reclassifications



H. Kate Hopkins  
Clerk Typist II  
Q/HRD



Jamaka S. Hook  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop A



David L. Johnson  
CIT II  
Q/ISD



Leland R. Jones  
Comm. Oper. I  
Troop F



Jane M. McClurg  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop H



Feryl S. Myers  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop A



Amie J. Nix  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Christopher L. Parr  
UCR Trainer/QA Aud.  
Q/CJISD



Calvin R. Sherman  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop A



Joanna D. Sides  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Willie G. Simmons Jr.  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop E



Benjamin L. Towe  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop E



Roger M. Westerhoff  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop C



Michael A. White  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop C



# Fore! Patrol Holds 39th Annual Golf Tourney

**By Major Hugh E. McKay, Q/ASB**

The Patrol's 39th Annual Golf Tournament took place on June 7, 2010, at Redfield Golf and Country Club in Eugene, MO. Seventy-eight golfers attended this year's event, enjoying the camaraderie and the good weather. The course was in excellent shape and averaged 6,200 yards long with a par 72. Thanks to all who took part in the tournament!

After the tournament, corporate and private sponsors provided refreshments. A random drawing for donated prizes was conducted after a delicious lunch. After expenses, the tournament sponsors and participants raised over \$2,000 for this year's designated charity -- The MASTERS.

*(On a side note: Congratulations to Sergeant Brian E. Kelley, Troop A, who hit a hole-in-one on Hole #3 (par 3, 147-yards) during his practice round on Sunday. About 15 out-of-town and some local players played a practice round before the tournament on Monday. This was Sgt. Kelley's first hole-in-one.)*



*Retired Sgt. Jon Daniel sizes up the challenge.*

<i>Tournament Championship Team</i>	Ret. CTE Richard W. King & Ret. ACTE Rob E. Murray.....66
<i>Championship Flight - 2nd Place</i>	Sgt. John A. Cyrus & Ret. Sgt. Don E. Phillips.....67*
<i>Championship Flight - 3rd Place</i>	Lt. Mike W. Cross & Tpr. Jason M. Cross.....67
<i>A Flight - 1st Place</i>	Sgt. D.J. Hedrick & Ret. Ron L. Hedrick .....71*
<i>A Flight - 2nd Place</i>	Ret. Sam L. Kaiser & Ret. Sgt. Larry M. Bodenhamer .....71*
<i>A Flight - 3rd Place</i>	Tpr. Neil R. Atkinson & Ret. Lt. Roy L. Herren .....71
<i>B Flight - 1st Place</i>	Asst. Garage Supt. Paul R. Becker & Auto. Tech. III Chris M. Cutler .....76*
<i>B Flight - 2nd Place</i>	Lt. Steven B. Niederkorn & Ret. Lt. R. Brent Davis .....76
<i>B Flight - 3rd Place</i>	Ret. Capt. Larry Buschjost & Ret. Sgt. Gary Lutes.. 77
<i>C Flight - 1st Place</i>	Ret. Sgt. Jimmie D. Mays & Ret. Tpr. Morris H. "J.R." Poe..... 80*
<i>C Flight - 2nd Place</i>	Chief Oper. Steve D. Gronemeyer & Ret. Chief MVI Al D. Neifert.....80
<i>C Flight - 3rd Place</i>	Comm. Oper. II J. Pat Callihan & Comm. Oper. III David R. Axelrod.....81

*\* Winners determined by a scorecard playoff starting on Hole #16*

<i>Longest drive in the fairway by an active employee -- Hole #9</i>	Tpr. Jason M. Cross (284 Yards)
<i>Longest drive in the fairway by a retired employee -- Hole #9</i>	Ret. Capt. Jerel A. Schomer (218 Yards)
<i>Closest to the pin by an active employee -- Hole #13</i>	Major Luke Vislay
<i>Closest to the pin by a retired employee -- Hole #15</i>	Ret. CTE Richard W. King
<i>Longest putt made by an active employee -- Hole #4</i>	Comm. Oper. II Gerald D. Leigh
<i>Longest putt made by a retired employee -- Hole # 11</i>	Ret. Sgt. Larry M. Bodenhamer



# Patrol Cadet Program Marks 40th Anniversary

**Sgt. Leslie D. Thurston, Q/TND**

The 2010 Patrol Cadet Academy marked the 40th Anniversary of the partnership enjoyed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the American Legion of Missouri. Thirty-nine teenagers arrived at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Training Academy for a weeklong exposure to law enforcement training. These young teenagers were greeted by a friendly staff, which included representatives of the American Legion, cadet counselors, and Sgt. Les Thurston, Q/TND.

The young cadets were instructed on how to wear their uniform and expected to comply with this simple order. There were many who had never learned what a "gig line" is, and how to place a name tag correctly on the shirt. These were just a few examples of little teaching opportunities available to the staff within the first few hours. The young cadets were instructed how to properly enter the cafeteria for meals, how to make their beds, and what was expected for room inspection the next morning. The young people headed off to bed for a restful sleep—before being awakened to assemble at the flagpole.

The young cadets were to be up and ready for inspection at 6 a.m. the next morning. They were then transported to the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course where they were given the opportunity to drive patrol vehicles on the course, and receive instruction from the EVOC staff regarding controlling skids, evasive maneuvers, and on

off-road recovery. The cadets participated in an evening run before heading off to the evening meal.

On day two, the cadets participated in a physical training test to include push-ups, sit-ups, and a mile and a half run. The effort put forth by these young people was amazing. One cadet completed 90 push-ups in a minute; another cadet completed 56 sit-ups in a minute; and one cadet completed the



*The cadets join members of the 91st Recruit Class in a march around the grounds.*

*Cadets raise the flags at the Academy under the guidance of recruits from the 91st Recruit Class.*



Sgt. Geoffrey L. Borlinghaus, Q/TND, and a glimpse of defensive tactics from Sergeant Kirk A. Davis, Q/TND, and Sgt. C. Joey Day, Q/TND. Sgt. Jason P. Clark, Q/DDCC, provided an overview of the Division of Drug and Crime Control to the cadets. Captain David P. Perkins, Q/TND, participated in the cadet's group run, which was enjoyed by all of the cadets (really, it was).

On day four, the cadets conducted the flag detail with the assistance of members of the 91st Recruit Class before marching around General Headquarters. They were given a tour of the Missouri State Capitol building as well as the Governor's Mansion. Lt. Gregory L. Word provided a tour of the Aircraft Division, and they had the opportunity to see aspects of the Missouri State Water Patrol during a tour given by Sgt. Jerry Cal-

*Pictured is the 40th Patrol Cadet Academy and their counselors.*

lahan. The cadets then elected William (Trey) Cooper, son of William T. "Bud" Cooper, Q/DDCC, of Portageville, MO, as their class commander; Calvin Robinson, of St. Louis, MO, as their vice commander; and Brandon D. Fiske, son of Lt. Bruce D. Fisk, Troop I, of Rolla, MO, as their class chaplain. An evening barbecue by members of the American Legion allowed the 91st Recruit Class and the Cadet Academy to eat and visit. This event provides an excellent opportunity for the young people to ask members of the 91st Recruit Class questions, and has become an annual favorite for both groups. The interaction between the groups was fantastic.

On day three, the cadets participated in the morning flag detail conducted by the 91st Recruit Class. They then split into groups to tour the Patrol's Safety Education Center at General Headquarters, or the firing range to fire Glock Model 22 handguns under the direction of Corporal Jeffrey L. White, Q/TND. The cadets were given information on accident investigation by

Friday, June 11, 2010, brought the graduation ceremony for this 40th Anniversary Cadet Academy. Many mem-

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## — Cadet

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bers of the Patrol and American Legion attended the event. Colonel Ron Replogle assisted in handing out certificates and gave each student a Patrol "challenge coin". Cadet Justin Simmons, of Buffalo, MO, earned a Physical Fitness award, as did Lacy Thompson, of Mountain Grove, MO. Cadet Zackary Hoskins earned the Firearms award. Central Missouri University awarded two scholarships, one to Stephanie King, of Stewartsville, MO, and the second to Zackary Tennyson, of Collins, MO.

This program, which was initiated by retired Captain Charles D. Whitehead, continues to thrive. It could not occur without the great partnership that exists between the Patrol and the American Legion. The weeklong activities would not be possible without the efforts of the cadet counselors. This year, there were five counselors helping with the class: Thomas Bruning, of Union, MO; Weston Hitchcock, son of Sergeant Travis W. Hitchcock, Q/DDCC, of Mexico, MO; Ethan Mueller, son of Sergeant Kurt E. Mueller, Q/DDCC, of Holts Summit, MO; and Kallie Seiner, daughter of Sergeant Rocky L. Seiner, Troop B, of Macon, MO; and Amanda Stowe, of Goodson, MO. These counselors were members of the previous class that showed outstanding character and leadership abilities.

The American Legion provided three members to assist with the activities: Ben Goodin, of Jefferson City, Bob Jordan, of Jefferson City, and Rocky Racherbaumer, of Washington, MO. These gentlemen were very helpful in continuing this great tradition. Without their help this would not have been possible.

It is amazing to see the progression of these young people from when they arrive on Sunday afternoon, with little or no training, to the ending product on Friday morning. If recruiting trends continue as they have in the past, with approximately 150 current and past members who participated in the American Legion Cadet Academy, our agency will continue to attract quality members.

## 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of March 1, 2010 to April 28, 2010. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

### **Troop A**

Tpr. R.J. Chapman, 1 arrest  
Sgt. B.L. Daniel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.P. Fennewald, 3 arrests  
Tpr. D.E. Fessenden, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.P. Gassen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.B. Hollis, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.L. Lutjen, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.D. Mathes, 2 arrests  
Cpl. R.B. McGinnis, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.W. Murphy, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Pate, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.B. Wright, 1 arrest

### **Troop B**

Tpr. J.D. Davidson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.P. Smeltser, 1 arrest

### **Troop C**

Tpr. W.H. Abel, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Campbell, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.S. Craig, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.S. Croft, 3 arrests  
Tpr. L.C. Ewigman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.S. Inman, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.S. Larsen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.C. Long, 4 arrests  
Tpr. B.D. Moore, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. West, 2 arrests

### **Troop D**

Sgt. G.L. Braden, 1 arrest\*  
CVO Sr. I R.L. Talbert, 1 assist\*  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.T. Burgett, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.W. Choate, 2 arrests  
Cpl. T.L. Hall, 1 arrest  
Cpl. K.C. Morris, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.A. Wilson, 1 arrest

### **Troop E**

Tpr. J.C. Cooksey, 1 arrest

Tpr. D.W. Crank, 3 arrests  
Cpl. J.N. Crites, 2 arrests  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.D. Lynch, 3 arrests  
Tpr. R.D. Owens, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.E. Rawson, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Templemire, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.P. Watson, 1 arrest

### **Troop F**

Tpr. S.A. Brazas, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.R. Germann, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.T. Halford, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.E. Lowary, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.E. Morice, 6 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. North, 1 arrest  
Sgt. D.D. Spurgeon, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.K. Sullivan, 2 arrests  
Tpr. G.L. West, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.B. Wilt, 1 arrest

### **Troop G**

Cpl. C.E. Dill, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.K. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.D. Odle, 1 arrest

### **Troop H**

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 1 arrest  
Sgt. T.B. Gardner, 1 arrest  
Cpl. A.A. Henry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.E. Maudlin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 3 arrests  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 3 arrests  
Tpr. H.G. Vernon, 1 arrest

### **Troop I**

Tpr. J.E. Riggs, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.D. Stewart, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.A. Vogt, 2 arrests

# A Rare Smith & Wesson For A Rare Group Of Men

## Missouri's Five-Inch Combat Masterpiece

By Mr. Shawn R. McCarver, Mr. Russ Lindenlaub, and Mr. Roy G. Jinks

*"I have had to write tickets to my banker and to my insurance agent. As a trooper, you must never show favoritism." Sgt. Herman Barr, MSHP Recruit Class 1939*

### Introduction

Sgt. Barr, quoted above, made that statement to author McCarver in the mid-1970s during a visit at Sgt. Barr's home. That statement summed up the character of the troopers of Sgt. Barr's era, if not today. Those men deserved, and certainly got, a very special revolver made for them by Smith & Wesson.

Sgt. Barr, who worked most of his career in St. Francois and Washington counties, had a true test of character when, on September 15, 1959, he was one of the first law enforcement officials to arrive on the scene of the murder of his brother, George L. "Lynn" Barr, at Barr's Store in Quaker, MO, in rural Washington County. Seventeen-year-old Bobbie Lou Shipp was murdered also in the botched robbery. Lynn Barr's wife, Valle, was shot and wounded, and his daughter, Ella Jo, was beaten so severely she was in a coma for three weeks. Sgt. Barr obtained near legend status during that investigation as he was able to hold it together and do his duty, which resulted in an arrest, conviction, and life prison sentence for the murderer. Perhaps Sgt. Barr's finest hour--individually as a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol--this incident and follow-up investigation is the subject of the book *Murder in the Afternoon*, by Sgt. Barr's niece and survivor of the incident, Ella Jo (Barr) Sadler.

Five years before, on September 22, 1954, Colonel Hugh Waggoner, superintendent of the Patrol, ordered all troopers in the state to Jefferson City to quell a riot at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Several buildings were

on fire, inmates were running loose, and hostages were being held. With a nod from Governor Donnelly, Colonel Waggoner told his officers to, "Do what you have to do to restore order." This may have been the Patrol's finest hour -- at least up until that time.

### A Special Revolver

During both the individual Barr incident and the collective MSHP response to the prison riot, a rare Smith & Wesson revolver made for the Patrol, and almost never seen anywhere else, rode in the Dehner's swivel holsters of all the troopers. In 1952 and 1953, the Patrol received a special order variation of the original .38-caliber, Combat Masterpiece. This "Missouri variation" was made with a five-inch, tapered barrel, blue finish, black micrometer click adjustable rear sight, serrated black Baughman ramp front sight on ramp base, "speed hammer" with .375-inch spur, standard trigger, and checkered diamond magna stocks. The speed hammer also is referred to in the factory literature as a "high speed hammer", or by some collectors as a "fish hook" or "sculpted" hammer. These Missouri variation revolvers differ from the standard Combat Masterpiece by having a five-inch barrel instead of the standard four-inch barrel. While this may not seem to be much of a detail, the authors and others have had to do much research and there has been much discussion over what to call this Missouri variation. As will be explained, for collectors, the interest is in the details.

### Pre-Model 15 Combat Masterpiece Delivered

Enough of these special .38-caliber Combat Masterpiece revolvers were received by the Patrol to equip the en-

tire force, which was less than 300 at that time. A review of archived records kept at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's General Headquarters in Jefferson City, MO, is generally consistent with S&W factory records. After a thorough search and reconciliation of both Patrol and factory records, it has been established that a total of 365 of the five-inch Combat Masterpiece revolvers were shipped to the Patrol.

The orders were made through a distributor. Thus, where S&W records show shipment directly to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Patrol's property records show that the five-inch revolvers were obtained from Shapleigh Hardware Company of St. Louis, MO. Factory records show the revolvers billed to Shapleigh, but shipped directly to the Patrol, a common practice with these types of orders.

According to the Patrol, shipments of these revolvers were received on June 17, 1952, October 9, 1952, October 23, 1952, and October 23, 1953. The receive dates generally match up with S&W factory records showing shipment to MSHP as follows:

- June 13, 1952 (55 units in the K149xxx and K150xxx range)
- October 3, 1952 (220 units in the K156xxx and K157xxx range)
- October 15, 1952 (60 units in the K156xxx and K157xxx range)
- October 13, 1953 (30 units in the K156xxx and K157xxx range).

The price of the revolvers shipped in June 1952, are shown on Patrol property cards as \$47.77 per unit,

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while the price on later shipments is shown on Patrol property cards as \$53.35.

The next shipments of the Patrol's Combat Masterpiece revolvers were two groups of 12 revolvers, the first shipped from S&W on September 1, 1955, and the second shipped from S&W on November 1, 1956. Both groups were obtained through Richards and Conover in Kansas City, instead of Shapleigh in St. Louis. Like the earlier revolvers, factory records show these were billed to Richards and Conover, but shipped directly to the Patrol. MSHP records do not record the barrel length of these 24 revolvers; however, factory records indicate that these revolvers had the standard four-inch barrel.

The serial numbers of the 12 revolvers shipped by the factory to the Patrol on September 1, 1955 are:

K192428, K192641, K218413, K225836, K234407, K234555, K234838, K234883, K235116, K239649, K234036, and K234307.

The serial numbers of the 12 revolvers shipped by the factory to the Patrol on November 1, 1956 are:

K273480, K273606, K274052, K274124, K274259, K274333, K274067, K274299, K279957, K280209, K280887, and K281536.

The research comparing factory records and Patrol property cards was a painstaking reconciliation completed by the authors. Factory records are difficult to review because each serial number must be individually checked—revolvers in the MSHP orders are not in blocks of serial numbers, but are scattered throughout a large range of numbers. Thus, S&W Historian Roy Jinks had to look through thousands of numbers and make a list of those revolvers shipped to MSHP. Trooper Terry Bible, Troop D, compiled Patrol records and then assisted the authors



*Retired Captain Roy Bergman's Combat Masterpiece box assisted the authors in their research.*



*A five-inch revolver is pictured next to an issue swivel holster with dee rings and shoulder strap, Sam Browne belt, cartridge box, handcuff case, and paperwork from the leather manufacturer, Dehner's of Omaha.*

in comparing factory numbers provided by Mr. Jinks to Patrol records. To date, 365 serial numbers for the MSHP, five-inch Combat Masterpiece revolvers have been identified from S&W records. This number would certainly be consistent with equipping the entire force at the time and maintaining some extras for issuance in case a revolver had to be pulled from service for repairs or any other reason.

At least two five-inch revolvers are known to be in the range of the MSHP order, yet factory records show they were sold to other distributors and were not part of the MSHP order, most likely being overruns. The number of such overruns is believed to be relatively few. One such revolver is K234537, which, according to factory records was shipped to a Los Angeles, California, S&W Distributor on March 29, 1955. Another such revolver is K156945, which was shipped from S&W to H.H. Harris, an S&W distributor in Chicago, on November 12, 1952.

### *All Good Things Must Come To An End*

For some reason, MSHP began receiving four-inch Combat Masterpiece revolvers at least by 1955. Because of the need for uniformity, and in order to make inventory of holsters easier to maintain and issue, the Patrol continued to buy its swivel holsters from Dehner's of Omaha for the five-inch revolvers. Troopers carrying the four-inch Combat Masterpiece carried them in swivel holsters cut for the five-inch revolvers. All troopers thus were attired in a uniform manner, and inventory of replacement swivel holsters was simplified.

It is not known why MSHP stopped buying the five-inch revolvers. Certainly, the factory would have filled a profitable order. The five-inch Pre-Model 15s remained in service 24 years until retired from service in 1976, at which time they were offered for sale to the trooper then carrying the particular revolver. The four-inch

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revolvers acquired by the Patrol after 1953 were sold off at the same time in 1976. When sold by MSHP, the five-inch revolvers were sold for \$110. The sale paperwork was handled by the MSHP firearms instructor at the time, Sgt. Roy Bergman (retired captain), who was assigned to the Patrol's Academy, acting as agent for B.E. Hodgdon Inc., the distributor that contracted the trade for the new Model 66s. This is why the bills of sale show transfer from Hodgdon's to the trooper who purchased the retired revolver.

As retired Capt. Bergman was known to be an expert pistol shot, many have mistakenly concluded or represented that they now own Capt. Bergman's revolver, despite the fact that he clearly signed the sheriff's permit to acquire and the sale documents in each case in a representative capacity for Hodgdon's.

### *Conclusion*

The five-inch Pre-Model 15s were the longest serving duty handgun in the history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. They remained state-of-the-art while great leaps were made in the performance of other equipment, such as cars, radios, and radar guns, etc. When first issued, they were issued with standard 38 special loads with 158 grain round nose bullets. But, by the time they were retired, they were shot and carried with the so-called "FBI load", which is the Winchester 38 Special, +P, 158 grain lead hollow point load. These five-inch guns are part of MSHP folklore, and the revolvers were beloved by the troopers who carried them. The troopers who carried these revolvers knew they had something that no one else could get, and it gave them a sense of pride. Many retired troopers repeat the old story that used to circulate to the effect that Smith & Wesson denied making five-inch Combat Masterpiece revolvers. Obviously, they were made. It is hoped that if any members have one of these revolvers, the member will e-mail the serial number to the authors in order that the number can be added to the pri-

vate survivor database, which is available only to bona fide members of the Smith & Wesson Collectors Association. Members who wish to verify a serial number may contact Shawn McCarver at [shawnmccarver@aol.com](mailto:shawnmccarver@aol.com) and Russ Lindenlaub at [lindenlaub@socket.net](mailto:lindenlaub@socket.net).

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## Troop I Answers MS&T's Call For Assistance

*By Sgt. Dan J. Crain, Troop I*

Missouri State Highway Patrol commercial vehicle enforcement troopers and commercial vehicle officers routinely use their portable scale equipment to determine if tractor-trailers and other large trucks are within compliance. Recently, Troop I personnel had the unique opportunity to use their expertise and equipment to help researchers at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla.

Under the guidance of Dr. Kevin B. Martin, who serves as an assistant research professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, students at the university designed a fuel cell, plug-in, hybrid electric vehicle on a mid-size SUV chassis. The MS&T vehicle competed at "The NeXt Challenge" at the General Motors Desert Proving Grounds in Yuma, AZ, alongside other futuristic vehicles built by college students from throughout North America.

Sergeant Justin L. McCullough and CVO Sprv. I John W. Noble were tasked with weighing the MS&T experimental vehicle to determine if it met the strict weight standards of the competition after the team had made its many modifications. Dr. Martin and his colleagues were very thankful of the Patrol's assistance and elated with the results, which showed the vehicle's weight, including axle-weight distribution, were within the required standards.



*Troop I helped the MS&T design team determine the exact weight of their vehicle for competition.*



# New Employees



Deirdre R. Arflack  
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Troop C



Angelina R. Bonta  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



Danielle R. Boyd  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop E



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop E



Heather D. Evers  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop F



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop G



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Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop A



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CVE Inspector I  
Troop C



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Criminalist I  
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DE I  
Troop A



Dawn M. Thompson  
DE I  
Troop C



Ashley E. Travers  
DE I  
Troop C



Steve A. Young  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop E

# There's A Bear On The Highway!

**By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D**

Shortly after 10:30 a.m. on May 5, troopers assigned to Troop D, Zone 11, Jasper County, responded to the eastern portion of the county along Interstate 44 to check on a report of a black bear in the median that had been struck by a passing vehicle. Knowing what troopers were working that day in the zone and the surrounding zones as well, I could not help but think some of them were mentally clearing spaces on their walls or floor at home to make room for the new bear skin they were going to bring home. Much to the amazement of the officers on scene, the bear was still alive, and attempting to get up.

Jasper County Deputy Sheriff Paul Ayers and Missouri Department of Conservation Agent Adam Bracken conferred with a local veterinarian on a dosage of tranquilizer to immobilize the bear enough to transport him to Joplin to be evaluated. Deputy Ayres, who is assigned as the animal control officer, loaded the medicine into a specialized rifle and delivered the dose. Then, we waited what was believed to be an ample amount of time for the effects of the tranquilizer to take hold. The big indication the dosage was slightly low was when the officers attempted to move the animal onto a blanket for transport to Ayres' truck and he suddenly turned over, stood on all four legs, and looked as if he was



deciding which uniform he liked best.

As we scattered in the median in what could be described as an "abandon ship" drill, I looked to see if the reporter and photographer who had arrived earlier from one of the local television stations were filming our exodus. But, they were moving away just as fast. After regrouping, another tranquilizer was administered and the bear was loaded without incident.

As we were getting ready to leave, one of the television reporters approached and asked if I would give a quick inter-

*Officers from several agencies prepare to load an injured bear into a Jasper County deputy's truck for transport to a local veterinarian.*



*This little fella wandered onto Interstate 44, where he was badly injured when a vehicle struck him.*

view. Aware I was a little rusty on my bear knowledge, the opportunity presented itself to introduce Agent Bracken to the reporter and photographer, which I did before hastily fading into the background. Agent Bracken quickly surmised he had been set up, yet, he delivered a very professional and well versed interview, as I knew he would. The story with the bear ended after it was examined by a Joplin veterinarian. It was determined the bear was suffering from severe internal trauma and had two broken legs, with one broken at the elbow. This left the veterinarian with no option other than to put the bear to sleep.

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## When You Need A Friend . . .

**By DE III Jennifer M. Whiting, Troop A**

At approximately 7:55 a.m. on June 7, 2010, DE II Virginia A. Alston-Smith choked on her breakfast. Her airway was completely obstructed; thus, she could not breathe. DE I Christina M. Royster observed DE II Alston-Smith choking and attempted to perform an abdominal thrust three times. Food was expelled from the airway. DE II Alston-Smith collapsed to the ground,

semiconscious, making DE I Royster unable to clear the airway by herself. DE I Royster called out for assistance. As I approached the front desk area, I saw DE II Alston-Smith lying on the ground with DE I Royster behind her attempting to hold her in a sitting position. DE I Royster informed me that DE II Alston-Smith was choking and she could not get her arms around

DE II Alston-Smith's torso effectively. I grabbed DE II Alston-Smith's shirt and hoisted her into a sitting position. DE I Royster was then able to perform a fourth abdominal thrust, which cleared the airway. DE II Alston-Smith immediately began breathing. After a few moments she was able to stand with assistance and take a seat in the break room to recover.

I would like to commend DE I Royster for her heroic deed. I have no doubt that her actions saved DE II Alston-Smith's life that day.



# Retirements

## Major A. Dale Penn



After 36 years of dedicated service, Major A. Dale Penn has decided to become a Missouri State Highway Patrol retiree effective June 1, 2010.

His professional journey began with a date. "I had a date in 1972, with Rhonda Selvey, whose dad was Cpl. Ron Selvey (sergeant, retired)." Major Penn said everyone knew Ron Selvey and that he was scared of the man. "I got to know him, and learned he was a pretty nice guy." After getting to know Ron and talking to him, the idea of joining the Patrol seemed like a good idea. A short time later, a new trooper was assigned to the area, and Ron Selvey served as the training officer.

"So, I met the new trooper and talked with him about the Patrol. That guy was John Prine, and we've been good friends ever since. Then, as soon as I turned 21, I went to Springfield and talked to Lt. Vic McKee. He told me they had a testing date coming up, so I went back and took the test. About the middle of October, I found out I'd gotten into the class which started November 1, 1973."

Major Penn arrived for the 42nd Recruit Class on October 31, 1973.

"Right from the start the instructors were pretty tough. I was ready because John had just gotten out of the Academy. I used to have this dread feeling in my stomach on Sunday nights ... Driving up this hill was aw-

ful. Cpl. Corbin was here. Sgt. Bergman was here. Looking back, I see that Paul Corbin never had us do anything that he didn't do, too."

"I'd never been in the military, so that was new for me. Everything we did was new to me. John had kind of warned me that I needed to memorize every county and county seat and be able to put them on the map. That was the first thing we did and a lot of people had trouble with that ... I knew that already and breezed through. Then, we got into things I hadn't memorized and it wasn't quite so easy. We had a spelling test every Monday morning when we came back. They gave us the list when we left each week. Allen Hines and I rode together, and we practiced spelling words on the drive back on Sundays."

Major Penn was assigned to Troop D, Jasper County, after graduating from the Academy. He said he felt fortunate, because only three new troopers went to Troop D. He was assigned to Carthage, MO. His break-in officer was Tpr. Jerry McCoy, and the sergeant was Gleman Keller. He learned how to be a trooper from them and still respects them both very much. He and his wife, Rhonda, were married on June 15, 1974, a couple of months after graduation. She attended college in Joplin, and graduated two years later. Rhonda, a teacher, retired May 25, 2010.

Reflecting on his early years on the road, Major Penn said, "The highways are much better now. I worked a lot of wrecks and there was always plenty to do. We had nine men in the zone, covering the county. We switched shifts every Monday from days to nights and back."

Major Penn was promoted to corporal in 1985, and to sergeant in 1987. "The Patrol performs many important jobs, but none more so than that of a road trooper. The troopers stopping cars and arresting bad guys answer to a zone sergeant, so that's an important job, especially to a young trooper."

"When I started, you were expected to come on before your shift and stay on past your shift. Sometimes, when your shift was over guys would ride together. There was no tracking of time."

"In 1986, when we went to short sleeve shirts, they took a statewide vote. Most younger troopers voted yes, and the older ones voted no. There's no doubt the long sleeves look better, but when it's 100 degrees outside and you're standing on hot pavement, the short sleeve shirt helps."

I've enjoyed everything I've done. When I became a lieutenant, I was assigned to Macon, MO, which is 290 miles from Carthage. I went up there on April 1, 1992, when Weldon Wilhoit was captain and Norm Kaden was the other lieutenant. They were good guys to work with and learn from. We enjoyed that, although it was a long way from home. We got to know a lot of people, and still feel a little homesick when we visit Macon."

"I was promoted to captain in 1994, and assigned to Troop G, Willow Springs. I lived in an apartment in Willow Springs, while our house in Macon was on the market. Seven or eight months went by and it didn't sell. One day, Harold Elder (Troop B captain) called me and told me he was going to retire. He thought I should talk to Colonel Mills about a lateral transfer. I'll always be grateful to Colonel Mills for letting me do that, but I did enjoy Troop G and that area while I was there."

"I was surprised every time I got promoted ... For major, I was sitting at my desk in Macon and the phone rang one day. Col. Wilhoit called me and said he wanted me to come down and be a major (1999). I asked if he was sure about that, and he said he was. So, we came down here. We've lived in our house in Jefferson City longer than we lived anywhere else."

When I came here, I was over the Support Services Bureau. In 2004, Major Ed Bliefnick retired, and Colo-

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nel [Roger] Stottlemire had me come over to the Field Operations Bureau. It's a big job in FOB. We are one Highway Patrol. We get the same training and do the same things. But, there are nine troops and each has its own flavor. There is a lot to keep track of. I have to say that working with people like Captain Ron Walker, Captain Greg Kindle, Captain Greg Smith, Lt. Rich Fredendall, and now retired Lieutenant Bruce Clemonds made my job as major of FOB a lot easier."

"Fortunately, we have a lot of good people. Whether they are troopers, commercial vehicle officers, driver examiners, or whatever they do, they know their job and they do it well. That helps all of us. We have really good troop commanders-that's important for whoever has this job."

Looking back at his career, Major Penn said, "The most difficult part of the job was what a lot of people would tell you. I worked a lot of traffic crashes and fatalities. Some of those are hard to deal with. I worked one where a family was traveling through. The driver fell asleep and drove through the grass median and into a creek. The crash threw the mother out and broke her arm. She didn't know where she was, and began screaming out. A farmer, who had gotten up to turn off an attic fan, heard her and found her. The father was thrown out of the vehicle and into creek and killed. Their two children, who were four and two, were in their car seats. They were still in them when the car was pulled out of the creek. She was the only one who survived. It's never easy to deal with or to think about. That's no different from anyone who's worked the road. No matter what technology there is to make roads and cars safer, bad things happen to good people sometimes."

"I'll always remember when Jimmie Linegar got killed. I was home with my two little girls. It was April 15, which was promotion test day. I was looking through GOs getting ready to take a test that night. Lt. Joe Dayring-

er called and told me Allen Hines had gotten shot and Jimmie had been shot. He told me to put my uniform on and head over there, that the shooter had taken off into the woods. On the way over, I heard on the radio that Jimmie had died. That was the first time it was real to me-losing a trooper-because I knew him. I was part of the manhunt and the honor guard at his funeral.

A couple of years later Russ Harper got shot and killed on a Sunday evening. Don Richardson and I were the first troopers at the house where Sweet was hiding in the attic ... We waited for SERT to arrive. The SERT members went into the attic, found Sweet, dropped him down through a crawl space, and I handcuffed him."

Does Major Penn have any words of wisdom for the younger troopers? "Some guys seem to be worried about getting promoted. I always thought if I was a good trooper, someone might think I'd make a good corporal, and so forth. I guess I would tell them to concentrate on doing a good job in their present assignment, and good things will follow."

Major Penn's first plan upon retiring is to go with some good friends (five couples) to Europe. They'll visit Switzerland, Austria, and Germany for 12 days. After that, he and Rhonda will be moving to Springfield. "I plan to be retired. I'll play golf, watch Razorback football games, enjoy life ... and we'll have more time to go Franklin, TN, to see our grandson. The Highway Patrol has given me what I have ... I'll always be grateful for that."

Major Penn was born in Noel, MO, and graduated from McDonald County R-1 High School in Anderson, MO, in 1970. Prior to joining the Patrol, he attended Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, MO. Major Penn and Rhonda have three daughters: Dayla lives in Jefferson City; Sarah, who with her husband, Gaetano Travaglio, and their son, Gianni (pronounced Johnny), lives in Franklin, TN; and Chelsea, who will be a junior

at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

At a retirement coffee on May 21, 2010, friends and coworkers gathered to congratulate and laugh with Major Penn. Colonel Ron Replogle thanked Major Penn for his years of service and his friendship. He then gave the major a gift card to Dairy Queen to "pay off his milk shake debt". Apparently, since the two gentlemen met in 1989, they've tested each other's knowledge of trivia in conversations that ended with, "I'll bet you a milk shake." Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Coffey presented a plaque to Major Penn from the staff. The plaque recognized him as the person who's held the rank of major the longest (10 years 8 months) in Patrol history. His good friend, Captain Billy Chadwick, Troop G, served as emcee.

Major Penn, we thank you for your years of dedicated service and wish you a long, healthy retirement!

## September

Sept. 6  
Sept. 14



Sept. 15



Sept. 21



Sept. 22



- Labor Day
- Act establishing MSHP became effective in 1931.
- Tpr. C.P. Corbin died in 1943.
- Tpr. R.J. Kolilis died in 1988.
- Tpr. D.K. Floyd died in 2005.

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## Capt. Billy E. Chadwick



After more than 35 years of exemplary service to the citizens of the state of Missouri, Captain Billy E. Chadwick retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol on July 1, 2010.

Capt. Chadwick was born in Marshall, AR. He graduated from Witts Springs High School, Witts Springs, AR, before earning a bachelor's of science degree from School Of The Ozarks, Point Lookout, MO. Capt. Chadwick served in both Arkansas and Missouri National Guard units from 1971 through 1977.

He was appointed to the Patrol on January 1, 1975, as a member of the 44th Recruit Class. His first assignment was to Troop D, Zone 1, Springfield, where he served until his promotion to corporal in 1987, which took him to Bolivar, MO, where he was assigned as the assistant zone commander of Zone 3. In 1989, he was promoted to sergeant and designated the zone commander of Zone 3. A promotion to lieutenant in 1993, took him to Troop I, Rolla. In 1995, he was promoted to captain, becoming the troop commander of Troop G, Willow Springs, MO. Capt. Chadwick's nearly 15 years as Troop G's captain gives him the distinction of being the second-longest serving troop commander in the history of Troop G. Only Captain J. A. Tandy filled that role longer, with 21 years at the helm.

Capt. Chadwick is married to Diana S. (Dablemont), and together they have

two grown daughters: Rachel Peterson (and husband, Jason) resides in West Plains, MO, and Sarah Kirby (and husband, Charlie) lives in Springfield, MO. Granddaughter Bradyn (Brady) Peterson and grandsons Lawson Peterson and Dane Kirby will keep the good captain busy in retirement, no doubt.

When asked about his future plans, Captain Chadwick says, "I hope to spend some time on the golf course. Maybe someday I will be able to play with the big boys ... probably not, but maybe!" The captain also says that those that know him well know that he is an avid deer and turkey hunter, adding, "I hope I will have some uninterrupted time with those activities!"

Finally, Capt. Chadwick says that he has enjoyed his career and considers it an honor to have been Troop G's commander for all these years. He has enjoyed all the very good relationships with the sheriffs' departments, municipalities, and the citizens of the area. He also expressed his appreciation for the people that he has worked with, saying, "The troop has some excellent employees."

All of those employees wish Capt. Chadwick a long, happy, and prosperous retirement.

## Lt. James E. "Jim" McNiell



On May 1, 2010, Lieutenant James E. "Jim" McNiell retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Jim was hired as

a weight inspector in 1977, where he worked at the weigh station in Steele, until being accepted into the 47th Recruit Class. In October 1978, after six months of intense training at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, Jim was assigned to Troop G, Zone 1, where he would live in Houston, MO. Jim was promoted to corporal on July 1, 1987, and to sergeant March 1, 1990. He lived in Houston until being promoted to lieutenant on July 1, 1992. Jim was assigned to the Troop E Service Center, Sikeston.

Jim and his wife, Wilda, have two children and one granddaughter. Jeff McNiell, and his wife, Brittney, live in Houston, MO. Jennifer McNiell also lives in Houston, as does their granddaughter, Gracyn McNiell.

Jim's personnel file had numerous commendations from the public as well as many departments and organizations with which he has worked. In 1995, he was honored by his community when he was named as the Law Enforcement Man of the Year by the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2006, he won the Missouri Association of State Troopers Emergency Relief Society's Public Service Award. Last year, Jim accepted the John Michael Letz Award, which recognizes individuals whose unselfish efforts and contributions are directly responsible for the success of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Jim serves as a deacon at Fellowship Baptist Church in Sikeston, where he is currently serving as chairman of the board. Jim has worked very closely with the Sikeston Jaycees in providing traffic control and security at the Sikeston Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo since 1993.

Jim said most of his career was positive, but tragedy struck in 1980, in Texas County, when he was involved in a patrol car accident. Jim was on U.S. Highway 60 in Texas County and was assisting a disabled truck driver. While sitting inside his marked patrol car, with red lights on, waiting for a wrecker, another tractor-trailer struck his car in the rear.



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"As a result, I was hospitalized for seven days and taken off the road for two months," McNiell said. "I realized I was lucky to have survived that, and even though I did everything right, I know there is inherent danger in the job that we do."

The members of Troop E certainly agreed with Colonel Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, when he spoke at Jim's retirement reception. Col. Replogle quoted from the Bible, saying, "Blessed are the peacekeepers, for they will be called the sons of God. That is exactly what Jim has been."

Jim has been a dedicated employee who will be missed by all at Troop E. Captain George E. Ridens, commanding officer of Troop E, said, "Even though we're going to fill his position, we'll probably never be able to fill Jim's enthusiasm and dedication to the Patrol during his years of service at the Sikeston Service Center. He's a very caring, religious, and dedicated individual to whatever he does, whether it's the Highway Patrol or personal."

Jim loves to golf, loves serving God and his church, and loves his family—especially his granddaughter. We at Troop E wish him and Wilda a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

## Lt. Timothy J. Rousset



With appreciation and admiration, the Missouri State Highway Patrol announces the retirement of Lieutenant

Timothy J. Rousset. Lt. Rousset retired on November 1, 2009, after 30 years of dedicated service.

Lt. Rousset graduated from Jefferson City High School in 1975. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving until he was honorably discharged in 1978. Lt. Rousset earned a bachelor's degree in business from Missouri Southern State University in 1985. He began his career with the Patrol on January 15, 1979, as a member of the 49th Recruit Class.

Upon graduation, he was assigned to Troop D, Zone 2, Greene and Christian counties. In 1990, he was promoted to corporal. In 1991, he transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control as a narcotics investigator. In 1994, he was promoted to sergeant, and in 2002, he was promoted to lieutenant. At the time of his retirement, he was serving as a district lieutenant for DDCC, supervising Troops D, G, and I. It is from this position he retires.

Like most members of the Patrol, Lt. Rousset took part in several interesting details and assignments. Looking back over his career brought several incidents to mind. But, what stays with him is the overall support from people throughout the state for the Patrol and other law enforcement agencies. He said this support, whether during a serious incident like the Alis Ben Johns manhunt, or during day-to-day assignments, solidified his feeling that the people of Missouri deserve and appreciate the Patrol's best efforts. Lt. Rousset said this is something he'd like to pass along to the younger troopers.

"When they're working wrecks and arresting drunks, and people are lying to them or doing terrible things to each other, I would hope young troopers realize that for every one of those people, there are 100 more good people out there who depend on the work they do every day," said Lt. Rousset.

Immediately after retiring, Lt. Rousset accepted a position with a private company providing police ser-

vices to the military. He is currently deployed as a law enforcement professional embedded with the U.S. Army in Baghdad, Iraq.

All of us wish Lt. Rousset the best as he enters another chapter of life.

## Sgt. Thomas L. "Tom" Breen



On July 1, 2010, Sergeant Thomas L. "Tom" Breen retired after serving and protecting the people of Missouri for 36 years. His career started as a police officer and detective with the University of Missouri Police Department in Columbia, MO.

"Mizzou was the first one to hire me. I really liked it," Tom said. "It was a college campus, similar to where I'd just come from as a student. It was a true police department, but on a bigger scale, because it covered 10,000 employees and 21,000 students. There was a lot of variety." Tom spent two years as a uniformed officer for the MUPD, and the next four in their Investigative Unit.

Growing up, retired Sgt. Lynn McCoy was a neighbor, so he had some exposure to the Patrol. But, his interest in police work came to the forefront while he was attending Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). Tom studied history and economics before discovering he enjoyed the courses in sociology, which was a relatively new

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program. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in 1974.

After six years with the MUPD, Tom decided to apply for the Patrol, which would provide a career path with a number of options. "It was something I wanted to do," he said.

He was appointed to the Patrol on July 1, 1980, as a member of the 53rd Recruit Class. "I was not prior military. I had some expectation about recruit training, but you never have a full expectation. We had a small class. The trend back then was smaller classes. It was more one-on-one, which isn't always a good thing," Tom said. "In a big class, you can hide a little. It wasn't easy, but everybody should do it once. Even today, when you go into the dorm it's the same smell. I wouldn't say it's aroma therapy--more like aroma nightmare. The same smell exists there."

Tom said the academic side of the training was the easiest for him. He had completed his degree and a 600-hour academy with MUPD. So, he did have an advantage over his roommate. "My roommate for the first semester was a (former) fireman, and he didn't have a clue about law enforcement," said Tom. "That was a curve for him, and not for me."

His instructors included Joe Bacon (retired sergeant), Charles Whitehead (retired captain), Billy Williams (retired lieutenant), J.J. Johnson (retired UCR/NIBRS manager), Clarence Greeno (retired captain), Roy Bergman (retired captain), Paul Corbin (retired captain), and Ben Goodin (retired lieutenant). Later, Lee Porter (retired sergeant) came in and Bob Gartner (retired captain). Tom remembers all of them.

Upon completing his training at the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, Tom was assigned to Troop E, Zone 5, Portageville, MO. His field training officer, Lonnie Hickman, was "a lot of fun". "He's a great guy. He

was relatively young. I think I had more law enforcement experience than he did," said Tom. Tom moved down to Portageville by himself for several months, and the Hickman family took him under their wing.

"I'd literally never been to Portageville. Having been raised in North Central Missouri, being assigned to Troop E was a little different culture. It's more southern. That was a learning curve for me. Those were great people. The Patrol was respected greatly down there, just as it is today."

Tom says life was simpler then. "We had two channel patrol radios (metro and rural), an easy to operate Speedgun 8, and no computer. We typed our reports on a manual typewriter in the zone office. Troop E required that all reports be typed."

In 1981, he transferred to Troop F, Zone 3, Columbia, MO. "We wore long sleeve shirts all year round. I remember standing out on the street in Columbia on a 100-degree day and being asked why I was wearing a long sleeve shirt. It really wasn't practical."

He was assigned one of the first Ford Mustangs used by the Patrol in 1988. "I had a blast with the Mustang. When I first got it, it seemed all I did was go around to television stations and car shows. A Channel 17 reporter did a story and rode with me. The first shot of his feature was my wellington boots as I got out of the car. He used the theme to "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" in the background. I think he did that because the mustang is also a pony. Everyone got a kick out of that."

In July 1989, Tom transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control, General Headquarters, Jefferson City. "I enjoyed criminal investigations. Another motivator was the two weeks of days and two weeks of nights were starting to kill me with small kids."

During his tenure in DDCC, Tom was promoted to corporal (1990) and sergeant (1992). He has been involved in countless investigations. A few of the high profile cases include the

James R. Johnson case, Alis Ben Johns case, and Taum Sauk investigation.

"The reward comes when you solve the case and put someone in jail. There was one case in Audrain County. It was handled by the Major Case Squad. When a dad and his two children came home they interrupted a burglary. The guy killed the dad in front of his children. I got tears in my eyes when those two kids were able to identify the guy who killed their dad in a line up the next day."

Tom said being a criminal investigator can be frustrating, "when you aren't able to put someone in jail for a heinous crime". That situation describes the Amy Bond case. Bond was kidnapped from a barbecue restaurant in the Chesterfield Mall where she worked. She was taken to Montgomery County, killed, and left in a field off Missouri Highway 19. "We always had a pretty good idea of who did it, but just couldn't prove it." The case file still sits in Tom's office.

"There were a lot of criminal cases. Dr. Jay Dix, Boone County's medical examiner, would do a lot of autopsies for criminal investigators throughout the state (except the metro areas). It seemed I was always attending an autopsy for other investigators, which is necessary for evidence collection. Dr. Dix was an instructor at the University Medical School in pathology. What an amazing, learning experience! I learned a lot just from being assigned to the autopsies he performed. Dr. Dix was a prince of a guy. I've missed working with him (since his death)."

Tom also has served on the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. This group formed after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. "New York had been operating under the concept of bringing together multiple agencies under one umbrella to pool resources and expertise to combat domestic terrorism," explained Tom. "Because there's an FBI office in Jefferson City, I was assigned there full time after the

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attack and until the 9-11 situation settled. Now, it's part time and part of the organized crime unit."

Tom became the supervisor of the Organized Crime/Anti-Terrorism (OCAT) Unit in 2004. He defined organized crime as "a group that was formed or exists for the purpose of criminal enterprise." In Missouri, this refers to terrorism, gangs, and outlaw motorcycle gangs. Tom also served as an instructor of statement analysis, his area of expertise, for criminal investigation schools held at the Patrol's Academy.

He says the biggest challenge to law enforcement is, "public perception and public scrutiny. It's not an easy job to do. In this day and age, with video, it makes it even tougher."

Tom was born and raised in Brookfield, MO, where he graduated from high school in 1970. While a member of the Patrol, he attended the Naval Post Graduate School of the Department of Homeland Security in Monterey, CA, in 2007-2008, in the executive leadership program. Tom is married (Diana), has two children: Andrew T. Breen and Lauren R. Breen, and three stepchildren: John Spurgeon, Will Spurgeon, and Sarah Willson.

So, what will he be doing in retirement? "Right now, I plan to work part time for MOSTA doing commissary work and other administrative duties. I have a small part-time photography business, also," Tom answered. "I really don't want to work full time, I want to spend the kids' inheritance!" Tom says he'll continue collecting memorabilia, as well. He doesn't have any immediate travel plans. "One place I'd like to go is Ireland, because of my heritage. I'd also like to go to Alaska."

Tom took a moment to appreciate the officers that were part of his Patrol career. Along with his FTO, Lonnie Hickman, were some "fantastic zone sergeants" in Columbia -- Gary Phillips, Vince Ellis -- and fellow officers Greg Overfelt and Bill Seibert. "We had a lot of good times working

together. As far as coming into the DDCC, Tom Halford and Craig Berry taught me a lot."

To those younger troopers, Tom says, "When I came on, we had the respect of the public based on our predecessors on the Patrol, who set out in 1931 to gain it. It's something that's been carried on by generations of troopers. This has been passed on--don't let that tradition down. You can't be safe enough out there. Not only do you want to do a good job, you want to go home every night."

## Cpl. John J. Koch



Congratulations to Corporal John J. Koch, who retired on June 1, 2010, after more than 26 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Missouri.

John grew up in Cadet, MO, and graduated from Potosi High School in 1977. John began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on February 3, 1984, when he was hired as a motor vehicle inspector. He was stationed at Troop C, St. Louis County.

In September 1985, John was appointed as a member of the Patrol and began recruit training in Jefferson City as a member of the 57th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Academy, John was assigned to Troop C, Zone 5, in Pike/Lincoln counties. In 1990, he transferred to Zone 14, St. Genevieve/Perry counties. In May 1995, John was promoted to the rank of corporal and was designated the assistant zone

supervisor of Zone 14. In 2002, he transferred to Zone 12, St. Francois/Washington counties.

In 2004, John transferred to the Gaming Division, and was stationed at the President Casino, in St. Louis. He has worked at several casinos in the St. Louis area, including Harrah's, and was an integral part of the opening of Missouri's newest casino in 2010, River City, in Lemay, MO.

All of us in the Gaming Division and throughout the Missouri State Highway Patrol wish John a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

## Sgt. Michael H. "Mike" Mahon



On July 6, 2010, Sergeant Michael H. "Mike" Mahon retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after serving the citizens of Missouri for over 27 years. At the time of his retirement, Sgt. Mahon was the supervising sergeant for Major Crash Investigation Unit's Team 2, in Wentzville, MO.

Mike's career in law enforcement started in 1975, when he joined the St. Louis County Police Department. He patrolled the second precinct for three years before he left for a job in the construction industry. Mike was appointed to the 55th Recruit Class of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, which started on January 1, 1983. His first assignment was Troop C, Zone 13, Washington and St. Francois counties. In



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1984, Mike was transferred to Troop C, Zone 9, Franklin County. In 1992, while a member of Zone 9, Mike received a Certificate of Merit award from MADD for his dedication and service toward removing impaired drivers from Missouri's roadways. In 1994, Mike became a troop reconstructionist. He reconstructed 14 crashes while working as a road trooper. In 1994, he was promoted to corporal and was assigned to Troop C, Zone 10, Franklin County.

In 1997, the Missouri State Highway Patrol created the Major Crash Investigation Unit. Mike was selected as one of the original members and was promoted to sergeant in 1998. As a member of MCIU, Mike was instrumental in creating the policies and procedures that are still followed today. Mike has reconstructed 260 crashes as a member of the MCIU and has assisted with countless other investigations. He was among the first members of the Highway Patrol to be internationally certified by the Accreditation Commission for Accident Reconstruction.

Mike is looking forward to retirement. Congratulations, Mike, on making it to the best day of your career!

## Tpr. Rick D. Neely



Trooper Rick D. Neely retired on June 1, 2010, after 29 1/2 years of service.

Rick was born in Kirksville, MO. He graduated from Kirksville High School in 1971, and Truman State University, with a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice in 1977. He married Susanne (Nugent) in 1973, and they have two grown children: Brad and Christine. His daughter-in-law, Amanda Neely, is a Criminalist III at the laboratory in Jefferson City. He also has two grandchildren, Aidan and Adision.

Rick was a police officer for the city of Kirksville from 1974 to 1980. He began his career with the Patrol as a member of the 54th Recruit Class on January 5, 1981. After graduating from the Patrol Academy, he was assigned to Troop B and stationed at Macon. On August 1, 1982, he was stationed in Edina. On November 1, 1993, he was stationed in Kirksville. On May 1, 1999, he was assigned to the Gaming Division at Players Island (later Harrah's) in St. Louis. On July 1, 2001, he transferred to Mark Twain Casino as one of the original officers assigned there. He remained at Mark Twain until his retirement.

During Rick's career he served as a field training officer, was assigned to several details including: State Fair, St. Louis in '94 and '95, the David Tate manhunt, the Alis Ben Johns manhunt, the Al Gore protective detail in 2000, and the Mississippi River Flood detail in West Quincy, IL, in 2008. Rick said he particularly enjoyed the many criminal investigations that troopers become involved with in rural areas. One particular investigation came to mind in which he worked with Lieutenant Michael W. "Mike" Platte. In that case, two suspects ended up being charged with over 50 felonies, and investigators cleared burglaries in six counties and two states.

Rick says his future plans include finishing the basement, working on his "Bucket List", and spoiling the grandkids ... but, not necessarily in that order.

Thank you, Rick, and may your retirement be long and healthy!

## Sgt. Randall R. "Randy" Rice



Sergeant Randall R. "Randy" Rice was born and raised in Independence, MO. He shares the same birthday with another famous Independence resident—President Harry S. Truman. He grew up thinking he would be president, but when that did not work out, he joined the Highway Patrol.

Randy graduated from Truman High School in 1970, and attended the University of Kansas on a football scholarship. He said he regretted that he never completed his degree. Randy worked construction jobs for his dad's company throughout high school and college.

In 1973, at the age of 21, he joined the Blue Springs Police Department's reserve program. Training was conducted through the Kansas City Police Department. He worked full time and as a reserve for seven years.

During his early years at Blue Springs, he attended a school to become a professional wrestler, as the original "Undertaker". A shift change at the police department did not allow him to accomplish his dream of "rasslin" in the ring.

In 1976, he married Donna R. (Settle) Rice, and they have three children: Beth, Chuck, and Rich. Randy and Donna have six grandchildren.

He became a trooper on July 1, 1980, and was assigned to one of four zones at that time in Jackson County. He was first assigned to working the

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metro area in Kansas City. A couple of years later, the Patrol moved out of Kansas City, leaving that area to KCPD. He worked the rural area of Jackson County before taking a midnight desk assignment for almost two years. In October 1995, he was assigned as the evidence officer. He remained in that assignment until his retirement on July 1, 2010.

Throughout his career, he enjoyed many special assignments from presidential details to state fairs. He helped form Troop A softball and basketball teams during the 1980s, which were enjoyed by many troopers.

Randy was promoted to corporal on August 1, 2001, and to sergeant on July 1, 2003.

In 1999, Randy teamed up with retired Lieutenant P. Mike Mulholland and they arranged trips to try to see all the major league ballparks. Yearly, about 25 troopers, police officers, their sons and grandsons have enjoyed traveling to 14 different stadiums to watch ballgames.

Randy's retirement will not last long, as he already has a job giving stadium tours at Royals (Kaufmann) Stadium. He said this opportunity will give him his second dream job of a lifetime. Plus, he said he is too old and out of shape to try pro "rasslin" today.

Randy and Donna will continue to try to keep up with all the grandchildren and plan to visit Ireland this fall. Randy, we here at Troop A wish you and Donna the very best and will miss you very much!

## Congratulations!

Trooper Joseph D. Fischer, Troop D, continued competing for the national guard's "soldier of the year" by participating at the regional level on June 21-26, 2010. Region 5, which includes eight states, held its competition at Camp Cook, LA. Specialist 4/Trooper Fischer was the runner up, and can be called upon if for any reason the first place soldier is unable to participate at the next level.

## Sgt. Glenn J. Rousset



The Missouri State Highway Patrol announces the retirement of Sergeant Glenn J. Rousset. Sgt. Rousset retired on June 1, 2010, after almost 24 years of service.

Sgt. Rousset graduated from Warren County R-III High School in Warrenton, MO, in 1972. He then attended Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman University). After trying his hand at several vocations, he began his career with the Patrol on August 1, 1986, as a member of the 58th Recruit Class. Upon graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, he was assigned to Troop C, Zone 9, in Franklin County.

In 1995, he was promoted to corporal and designated assistant zone supervisor of Zone 10, Franklin County. In 2002, he was promoted to sergeant and designated zone supervisor of Troop C, Zone 4, in southern St. Louis and northern Jefferson counties. Sgt. Rousset transferred to the Gaming Division, General Headquarters, in 2007, where he finished out his career as a gaming agent at Ameristar Casino in St. Charles. He said this assignment allowed him to attend some schools and to do some interesting criminal work he would not have had the opportunity to do as a road officer.

Sgt. Rousset was a negotiator with Troop C SWAT for 12 years. As a mem-

ber of SWAT he participated in the Alis Ben Johns manhunt and the security details for the 2000 and 2004 presidential debates at Washington University in St. Louis.

Sgt. Rousset's retirement brings to a close a family tradition – the badge number 253 was in the Rousset family for almost 54 years. In 1956, a young trooper named Marvin R. (Ray) Rousset was assigned badge number 253. When he was promoted to lieutenant, his son Tim, Glenn's brother, requested and received that badge. When Tim was promoted to lieutenant, Glenn then asked to be assigned 253. Thus, the badge lived with the Rousset family from September 1, 1956 until June 1, 2010. That's quite a tradition!

Sgt. Rousset and his wife, Margaret, plan to spend their retirement traveling, fishing, and visiting their children and grandchildren.

All of us wish Sgt. Rousset the best as he enters this new chapter of life.

## Sgt. James M. "Mike" Stuart

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On June 1, 2010, Sergeant James M. "Mike" Stuart retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 31 years of service.

Mike is a native of Willow Springs, MO, and a graduate of Willow Springs High School. He attended Freed Hardeman Christian College, in Henderson, TN, where he earned an

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associate's of science degree in criminal justice. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1979, as a member of the 50<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class, and upon graduation was assigned to Troop G, Zone 4, Douglas and Wright counties, living in Mansfield, MO. A promotion to corporal in 1990 took Mike to Willow Springs as the assistant zone commander of the "headquarters zone" for a few months, but later in the year he was assigned to the Division of Drug & Crime Control as a covert narcotics investigator. He was promoted to sergeant in 1993. In November 2009, Mike became a rural crimes unit investigator and worked in that capacity until his retirement.

Mike spent the bulk of his career as a narcotics investigator, and was instrumental in helping to establish the South Central Drug Task Force in July 1998, which he supervised for several years. The SCDTF is one of the few multi-jurisdictional task forces in the United States where federal, state, and county officers work together as one unit. He will continue to work with the SCDTF after leaving his Patrol career. Mike says that he has enjoyed all the friends that he has made in his drug interdiction follow-up investigations and enjoyed the travel associated with the investigations.

He also says that he wants to thank all of the Patrol officers and civilian employees that have been so willing to help him as he conducted drug investigations around the state of Missouri. A special "thank you" goes out to retired Captain Siah Davis for being a role model to Mike as a young trooper, and helping him in the early stages of his career. "I'll always be indebted to him for his guidance," Mike says.

Mike is married to Hazel (Edwards) of Mansfield, and the couple has five children: Curtis is a probation and parole officer in Lebanon, MO; Timothy is a police officer in Ava, MO; Jesse is a criminal justice major at Mis-

souri State University in Springfield; stepson Brandon Lansdown is a youth minister in Springfield, MO; and stepdaughter Heather Johns is the vice-president of Seymour Bank, Seymour, MO. Mike and Hazel also have seven grandchildren.

"In retirement," says Mike, "Hazel and I plan on spending a lot more time with our children and grandchildren. We also plan to float and fish the rivers in our area. Our primary goal for retirement is to start a new catch-and-release program. Hazel will catch the fish and I will release them into hot grease."

All of your friends at Troop G and around the state wish you good fishing Mike, and if you ever need any help eating them, please let us know!

## Clerk IV Imogene M. "Genie" Allen



On June 1, 2010, Clerk IV Imogene M. "Genie" Allen retired as an employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol after 28 years of service.

Genie graduated from Wentzville High School in 1966. Shortly thereafter, she attended Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) in Kirksville, MO, where she spent three years studying elementary education. She returned home from Kirksville in 1969, followed in her mother's footsteps, and began teaching at St. Patrick's Elementary School in Wentzville, MO. She taught approximately six years before she left St. Patrick's

to get married and raise her daughter. While she was doing that, she also taught in a preschool for approximately 18 months before returning to St. Patrick's for another two years.

Genie began her Patrol career after her cousin, Jerry Worthington, who retired from Q/CommD, had her apply at Troop C. She was hired promptly as a clerk typist in 1981, by then-Lt. Carl Hucke, a retired captain. From there, everything else is history. Genie worked for several years as a clerk. To increase her pay, she qualified for a pay grade of stenographer, and then worked her way up to Stenographer IV, the position from which she retired. During her time at Troop C, she was the "go to" person for most administrative details and projects the troop staff needed to get done. She has held just about every position there is to hold in the administrative capacity--clerk typist, supply clerk, PIED clerk, work compensation and insurance clerk, and office manager. She has been supervising the clerical staff at Troop C for as long as most can remember. In 2006, Genie was nominated for the Civilian Of The Year award.

Genie has been a good friend, mentor, and guidance counselor for all the current and retired Troop C personnel. During her tenure with the Patrol, she has worked for eight troop commanders, and a countless number of lieutenants and sergeants. She has worked tirelessly for everyone who has needed her help throughout the years. Most of the retirees will remember her as Dolly Parton, an elf, Mrs. Clause, or for doing the "worm dance" at the Christmas parties. During one Halloween she was a smurf! Genie has been an inspiration to all those who have met her. Her retirement party was attended by more than 120 people, both retired and active Patrol personnel, friends, and family.

Genie will be missed. She retires with thoughts of wanting to travel, especially throughout Missouri. She indicated she wants to see the state parks with her grandchildren, because she



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has never had time to visit the natural beauty of Missouri. She said her fondest memories include all of the people she has met while working for the Patrol. Those people are what she will miss the most, and were the greatest pleasure she had while working at Troop C.

Everyone here at Troop C wishes Genie all the best in her retirement. Genie, you will be missed!

## Bldg. & Grnds. Sprv. Ronald J. "Ron" Deskin



On June 1, 2010, after serving over 26 years with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop B Building & Grounds Supervisor Ronald J. "Ron" Deskin retired. Ron began his career with the Patrol on February 1, 1984, as a Building & Grounds Maintenance I.

He was reclassified as a Building & Grounds Maintenance II on October 1, 1985, and promoted to building and grounds supervisor on November 1, 1986. During his time of service with the Patrol, Ron oversaw and performed many duties, keeping the troop headquarters property in good condition. In doing so, Ron had to be a "jack of all trades". Over the years he was tasked with many jobs, such as, plumbing, electrical, lawn mowing, snow removal, new construction, remodeling, and general cleaning of the office areas. Some of the noteworthy con-

struction projects he supervised and completed consisted of constructing a new roof on the satellite laboratory to replace an existing flat roof, constructing a new CDL testing building east of Macon, many concrete projects, and the remodeling/construction of new office areas and a breakroom in the Troop B Headquarters building. His efforts undoubtedly saved the state of Missouri thousands of dollars.

Ron grew up in Macon County, living in both Atlanta and Macon. He graduated from Macon R-1 High School, and served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1971. During his time in the U.S. Army, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and attained the rank of sergeant. Ron later served in the Missouri National Guard from 1988 to

1990. Prior to his employment with the Patrol, he worked for a local construction company in the Macon area.

Ron has been married to Connie Deskin for over 36 years. Connie retired from Troop B on August 1, 2008, after serving 33 years with the Patrol and last serving as an administrative office support assistant. They have two grown daughters: Andrea Serino, who lives with her husband, Mike, in Nolanville, Texas; and Rhonda Deskin, who lives in Moberly, MO. They also have two grandchildren: Micael Serino, 10, and Luca Serino, 20 months.

Ron's future plans consist of spending more time with family, traveling, and relaxing on Long Branch Lake.

## How Fit? Quantifit!

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*



*You are called to a scene that could possibly expose you to toxic fumes. You don your Patrol issued full face Scott AV2000 gas mask. Will it work? Will it fit properly? Good questions! However, due to a one time budget item request that was approved, your gas mask can now be "fit" tested by using a Quantifit gas mask fit testing machine. In this photo, we see Corporal Jimmy A. Beckett (right) testing the mask of Trooper Kenneth R. "Kenny" Sanders. So, does the test actually work? Ask Sergeant Ed Thurman--the pressurization test showed his mask was actually too big.*

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**Susan M.  
Kuebler**

Research Analyst III  
Q/ISD

*Retired June 1, 2010.  
Almost 12 years of  
dedicated service.*

**Russell P.  
Norton**

CVO II  
Troop C

*Retired March 1, 2010.  
7 years of dedicated  
service.*



**Cary F.  
Maloney**

Crime Lab Mgr.  
Q/CLD

*Retired July 1, 2010.  
25 years of dedicated  
service.*



**Mary A.  
Phillips**

Driver Examiner III  
Troop C

*Retired June 1, 2010.  
27 years of dedicated  
service.*



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## Motorcycle Officers Encourage Safe Ride

*By Sgt. Michael W. Watson, Troop D*

With the hope of increasing driver awareness regarding motorcyclists, three departments participated in Operation Safe Ride. The focus of this project was the reduction of injury and fatality crashes involving motorcycles. The Missouri State Highway Patrol, Joplin Police Department, and Jasper County Sheriff's Office conducted this highly concentrated enforcement detail on Friday, June 25, 2010. Seventeen officers took part in Operation Safe Ride, which took place in the northwest part of Joplin and Jasper County. During this detail, 133 vehicles were stopped, 13 arrests were made, 88 traffic citations were issued, and 92 warnings were issued. Of the 13 arrests, four were for driving while intoxicated and nine were for warrants and other violations. The Patrol's helicopter assisted the motorcycle and road officers.



*(l to r) Officer Shelby Howard (Joplin P.D.), Corporal Dan Haskins (Joplin P.D.), Corporal Steven A. Donnell (Troop D), Deputy Eric Terry (Jasper County S.O.), Officer Justin Keller (Joplin P.D.), Corporal Donald M. Ivie (Troop D), and Officer Cory Waters (Joplin P.D.) took part in Operation Safe Ride.*



# 15th School Transportation Congress Convenes

*By MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI*

The Missouri State Highway Patrol was represented recently at the 15th National Congress on School Transportation held at the University of Central Missouri. Hundreds of delegates from 48 states from across the nation converged on Warrensburg, MO, for four days. They worked diligently to amend and update the national school bus safety specifications. MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI, served as a member of Missouri's delegation to the 15th National Congress.

The National Congress on School Transportation convenes every five years, and operates under basic parliamentary procedure. Each state represented at the National Congress is eligible to seat seven delegates at the National Congress. Each delegation has one vote to cast per motion on the floor, with individual delegates working with one another to come to an agreement on whether to cast the state delegation's vote in favor of or against each motion presented.

A multitude of various school bus-related issues were brought to the floor at the National Congress. The changes and updates approved during the 15th National Congress on School Transportation will be published near the end of this year. In 2011, the Missouri Minimum Standards Committee, on which the Patrol also has representation, will complete a study regarding any changes or updates needed to Missouri Minimum Standards for school buses.



*Missouri's delegates to the National Congress On School Transportation included: front row (l to r) Shirley Frances, Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation; Linda Thompson, Lee's Summit R-VII Schools; and Carol Woods, Jackson R-II Schools (alternate); back row (l to r) Jerry Sides, Missouri School Bus Contractors' Association; Debra Clink, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education; MVI Analyst Brenda Davis, Missouri State Highway Patrol; Dr. Roger Dorson, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education; and Dr. Nick Boren, Columbia Public Schools/Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation.*

## Trooper Lives Patrol Values

*By Sgt. William W. Lowe, Troop A*

For those of us who are married, the wedding ring reminds us of the commitment we have made to our spouse. There are times when the ring becomes a source of panic--when it is lost or has fallen off. This was the case for Jonathan Roberson. Jonathan and his wife, Ashley, were traveling east on U.S. Highway 50 on their way to Tennessee during one of the worst winter weather conditions we have had in western Missouri.

While traveling through Johnson County, their vehicle slid off the roadway and became stuck in a ditch during a snowstorm. Mr. Roberson attempted to shovel the snow away from his vehicle in an attempt to free it, and in the process, his wedding ring slid off his finger. As Mr. Roberson was attempting to free his vehicle, Trooper Dan Schubert arrived to render assistance.

Now, Tpr. Schubert did what every member would do in this same situation--he helped the Roberson's get their vehicle back on the roadway, so they could continue on to their destination. However, Tpr. Schubert's assistance went beyond what would have been expected. Knowing the importance of Mr. Roberson's ring, Tpr. Schubert marked the area where the vehicle had gotten stuck with flags, to help him find the ring when conditions improved. A couple of days later, Tpr. Schubert went back to the location and was able to locate Mr. Roberson's wedding ring with the assistance of a metal detector. Tpr. Schubert then mailed the ring to Mr. Roberson.

"He told me he was going to try and find it," said Mr. Roberson. "But, I really didn't plan on him doing it. Tpr. Schubert did this out of the kindness of his heart. Even though I have only been married for two and a half years, the ring was given to me by my wife on our wedding day, so it means a great deal to me. I am just impressed with this man's trustworthiness, honesty, and the character he showed to do that for me."

The Missouri State Highway Patrol takes great pride in its employees embracing the core values of the organization. Tpr. Schubert demonstrated those core values in a practical manner and gave a citizen from another state a glimpse of what Missourians come to expect from a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper.



# Major Crash Investigation Unit Shares Success

**By Sgt. Kevin W. Malugen, Q/FOB**

In 1931, the Missouri State Highway Patrol was established to promote safety on Missouri's highways. Since that time, part of a trooper's responsibility is to investigate traffic crashes and identify those responsible and the causes of the crash. After the crash investigation was complete, reports were written and those drivers that committed a violation of the law were prosecuted.

As time went by, the investigation of crashes evolved and the education of members of the Highway Patrol continued to improve. Those early troopers quickly earned respect from local law enforcement and other state police and highway patrol agencies throughout the nation as premier traffic crash investigators. In our early years, our manpower was limited to who was working a specific geographical area. That officer was responsible for the crash investigation no matter how difficult, how many vehicles were involved, or how many people were killed. As time went on, more troopers were patrolling our highways and our response to traffic crashes progressed into officers helping one another and relying on one of the few officers that were specially trained as a "troop reconstructionist".

Those early reconstructionists were zone officers who had additional training in the laws of motion, physics, and advanced mathematics to calculate speeds for vehicles involved based on crash scene physical evidence. The "troop reconstructionist" continued to work their shift assignment and provide zone coverage while completing the crash reconstruction of a crash that may have occurred several counties away. Most of the report preparation for the reconstruction occurred on a trooper's kitchen table during his time off.

A large part of a crash reconstruction was the preparation of a scale diagram of the crash scene. The early reconstructionist completed a scale diagram on 36" rolled drafting paper



using a pencil and scale using measurements manually collected with a 300-foot tape. Those diagrams were the most time consuming part of the reconstruction report preparation. With the resources available at the time, our officers completed thorough and professional reconstructions that led to countless criminal prosecutions and answered questions from grieving family members after these tragic events.

Today, Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers investigate nearly 35,000 crashes a year, which include over 16,000 injuries and over 600 fatalities. We have continued to evolve and remain a nationwide leader in the field of crash reconstruction. Currently, the Patrol has 12 dedicated officers who complete crash reconstruction full time and complete over 200 reconstruction calls for service each year. Those officers are part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Major Crash Investigation Unit.

Today, a crash reconstruction conducted by a member of the "crash team" consists of the same basic fundamentals as those used by early reconstructionists. However, the tools and resources available are nothing short of cutting edge. The Patrol has always been on the cutting edge, but today's resources could never have been imagined in the early years of our agency. Scale diagrams now take hours, not weeks. Reconstructionists access car computers and image the data stored on them following a crash. Troopers have the latest and greatest safety equipment. Gore-Tex, Thinsu-

*Sgt. Cameron M. Heath, Q/FOB, explains the purpose of equipment used by members of the Major Crash Investigation Unit.*

late, 5.11, and Under Armour are all common names and make up a modern officer's uniform. The old saying of, "a good trooper never gets wet or cold" could not be more true today, because of available equipment. There are computers, digital cameras, portable lighting, robotic total stations, and four-wheel drive pickup trucks in which to haul it all. Our administrators saw a need and took the challenge to lead the field of crash reconstruction by committing the manpower and funds needed.

The Field Operations Bureau continues to support the Patrol's commitment to investigate crashes and present the investigation in a professional manner. This endeavor has earned respect all over the United States, and we are truly a leader in the field of traffic safety and crash reconstruction. Recently, the Patrol had an opportunity to showcase our Major Crash Investigation Unit, its function, our criteria, and funding. Sergeant Cameron M. Heath and I accompanied Major Penn and Lt. Smith to Little Rock, AR, and gave a presentation to the colonel of the Arkansas State Police, his staff, and those responsible for crash reconstruction in Arkansas. *(Lt. Smith was recently promoted to Captain.)*

Sgt. Heath gave a superb presentation to the "troop reconstruction" officers of Arkansas and showed the Arkansas State Police colonel and his staff our equipment. Not only were they impressed, but we were proud of our equipment, proud of our training, proud of our staff support, but most of all proud to be Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers.

# Gov. Nixon Signs DWI Legislation

*By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED*

On June 2 and 3, 2010, Missouri's Governor Jay Nixon visited the Patrol's General Headquarters (Jefferson City), Troop C area (Weldon Spring), Troop D area (Carthage), and Troop E area (Sikeston) to sign into law House Bill 1695/1742/1674. Col. Ron Replogle, superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, traveled with the governor and introduced him at each news conference.

This new legislation does the following:

- Allows law enforcement officers to require a commercial vehicle driver suspected of an intoxicated driving offense to take a chemical test even if they refuse;

- Increases the reporting requirements for all law enforcement agencies regarding arrest information for intoxication-related traffic offenses; and,
- Increases the investigation window at the scene of a traffic crash where intoxication is suspected.

Col. Replogle reminded those present of the mission of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies to serve and protect all people in the state of Missouri. Enforcing traffic laws and promoting safety on Missouri's highways is a big part of that. The colonel went on to reiterate that DWI enforcement is a top priority, and said this bill will assist all



*Gov. Jay Nixon signs House Bill 1695/1742/1674.*

law enforcement agencies in fulfilling this mission.

## Was That The Chattanooga Choo Choo?

*By MVI III Charles G. McMillan, Troop D*

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) provided a special train ride aboard a train consisting of old vintage railroad cars -- including an observation deck and kitchen. The trip's purpose was to honor law enforcement members and their families. Microsoft Mogul Bill Gates once leased these cars for a whole month.

The ride lasted about two hours! We were able to walk through the cars, enjoy the ambiance of years gone by, and listen to the "clickety clack" of the wheels on the rail. The romance of the railway was alive. Food and drinks were provided by BNSF, which just added to the overall experience.

BNSF is a big supporter of the Barwick/Newton National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. This fund was established in 2004 to assist with transportation and other expenses incurred by family members of fallen officers who travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in National Police Week activities. The fund is named in memo-

ry of St. Louis Metropolitan Police Officer Michael Barwick and Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Michael Newton. The family of Officer Barwick started the fund with the help of Lt. Steve P. Davis, Troop I, to relieve the financial hardship experienced by Trooper Newton's family while attending National Police Week. The fund operates to prevent other families from experiencing similar hardship. For more information about this special fund, visit [www.barwicknewtonfund.org](http://www.barwicknewtonfund.org).



*This picture shows four Missouri families who have benefited from the fund. The fund has assisted 55 family members of fallen officers throughout the United States. Pictured from left to right are: Terry and Christine Sloan with their grandson (their son, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Officer Nick Sloan, was killed in the line of duty); Kristy Kuda and daughters Amie and Stacy Early (Kristy's late husband, Audrain County Sheriff's Deputy Andy Early, succumbed to injuries he received in a patrol car crashes); John and Gerrie Sampietro (their son, Missouri State Highway Patrol Corporal John A. "Jay" Sampietro was killed in the line of duty); and Gary and Bobbie Newton with their grandson Tyler Newton (their son, Michael L. Newton, was killed in the line of duty). Mitch and Janice Barwick are co-founders of the fund and are standing behind the group.*

# Deaths

## Glen R. Barnett



Glenn R. Barnett, 89, died on April 27, 2010, at his home in Willow Springs, MO. Funeral services were held at Willow Funeral Home on May 1, 2010, with Pastor Scott Williamson officiating. Burial with military honors was at the Willow Springs City Cemetery.

Mr. Barnett was born April 29, 1920, at Hancock, MO. He was the youngest of four children of Joseph Edmund Barnett and Jeanette (Nettie) Thomas Barnett of Iberia, MO. He grew up on their farm outside Iberia, and attended school at Dixon and Iberia.

Mr. Barnett was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Marine Division. He was a member of the forces landing on New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu, and Okinawa, and in the occupation of Guadalcanal. He was honorably discharged in 1945, after attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

In 1946, he was hired as a radio operator -- one of the original employees assigned to the Highway Patrol's new Troop G office in Willow Springs. For a short time, he was assigned to Troop D, Springfield, while the new troop headquarters in Willow Springs was being organized.

On September 11, 1950, he married Pauline Dickman, a lifelong resident of Willow Springs. They had four children.

Mr. Barnett retired from the Highway Patrol as a chief telecommunica-

tions engineer in 1986, having served 41 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Pauline Dickman Barnett, of Willow Springs; two daughters, Jeanette Barnett Cross (and her husband, Lowell) of Dixon, and Barbara Barnett Scholl Koch (and husband, Tom), of Willow Springs; two sons, Alan Barnett, of Columbia, and Ned Barnett (and his wife, Janet) of Branson, Missouri; two grandsons, Lee and Carl School; and three step grandchildren, Maleana Ebere Eubanks, Elizabeth Ebere Cizek, and John Ebere; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Barnett was preceded in death by his brother, Austin Barnett of Iberia, and his two sisters, Lucy Barnett Williams, of St. Louis, and Myrtle Barnett Wilson, of Iberia.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Barnett family.

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## James C. "Jim" Rhoades



James "Jim" Rhoades, 81, of Port Orford, OR, died May 29, 2010, in Coos Bay, OR.

The son of Ellsworth and Lucille Rhoades, Jim was born and grew up in Lee's Summit, MO, where he attended elementary and high school. After

graduation, he enrolled at Park College, Parkville, MO, where he met Pat Phillips, who later became his wife. They were married over 58 years.

In 1949, Jim joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He was assigned to Maryville, MO, until his induction into the U.S. Army in 1950, during the Korean conflict. Following this service he returned to Maryville, where he was stationed until he was promoted and transferred to St. Joseph, in 1961, where he served as criminal investigator for the Troop H area. During this time, he attended the F.B.I. Academy in Quantico, VA. He later taught numerous classes in his field.

Jim retired from the Patrol in 1984, after 34 years, moving to Port Orford, OR--a place he and Pat had chosen for its beauty and moderate climate. He was involved in many volunteer activities, including being an ambulance driver for the Port Orford Community Ambulance and serving on their board of directors. He also was as a port commissioner and an enthusiastic member of the Port Orford Library Foundation, working in various capacities to help build the town's new library.

Jim is survived by his wife, Pat; son, Rex; daughter, Lisa; grandsons, Cody and Casey; and granddaughter, Sarah. He was preceded in death by his only sibling, his sister, Isabelle.

In accordance with his wish, there were no formal funeral services for Jim. The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the Port Orford Public Library Endowment Fund, P. O. Box 130, Port Orford, OR 97465.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Rhoades family.

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# Thank You ~

I want to thank friends, fellow retirees, and current officers for their calls, cards, and visits while I was a patient in St. Joseph and Fairfax for two months. I'm happy to be home now completing my recovery.

Ret. Sgt. Roy L. Robinson

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The Rosemary Allen family would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their support after the loss of our mother. Whether it was by thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, food, flowers/plants, or a memorial, your presence, either physically or spiritually, was gratefully felt by our family.

Sincerely,

Ret. Clerk IV Genie Allen,  
CVO Sprv. I John L. and CVO  
Sprv. II Mary E. Allen, Troop C,  
Ret. DE Clerk Ginny Waltermann

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I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, and prayers upon the death of my sister, Geri Elynn Cope-land. Your kindness meant a great deal to me and my family.

Captain George E. Ridents,  
Troop E

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My wife, Kay, and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and words of support that were offered after the death of my father-in-law. Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten.

Sergeant Kevin W. Malugen,  
Q/FOB

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On behalf of the GHQ Torch Run Committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Special Olympics hamburger day fund-raiser. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work. I would also like to thank the Academy maintenance person-

nel and kitchen personnel for helping to set up and clean up after the event. Also, thanks to Betty who helped order supplies and made sure we had everything necessary to prepare and serve the food. We sold 168 meals! A \$1,000 donation from the First Financial Credit Union allowed us to provide meals for the LE Torch Run participants, Special Olympics staff, and other dignitaries. We donated our profit of \$1,337.00 to Special Olympics Missouri!

Sincerely,

Lieutenant John J. Hotz,  
Q/PIED

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Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers following the death of my father. I also want to thank all those who attended the visitation and funeral.

Sincerely,  
CVO Sprv. I Steven R. Dye  
Troop H

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I would like to express my appreciation for all the cards, calls, and prayers my family and I received during my recent hospitalization, surgery, and recovery. As I return to work, I feel great and my spirits were always high thanks to the support I received from my extended Patrol family.

Sincerely,

Major Hugh E. McKay, Q/ASB

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Dear Patrol Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, phone calls, e-mails, and kind words of sympathy after my dad passed away. I also appreciate all those who came to the visitation or attended the funeral. It meant a lot to me and my family.

Sincerely,

Sgt. David L. Erb and family.  
Troop G

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Cpl. Andrew A. Henry (H) - infant daughter  
Ret. Lt. Kirby L. Johnson - mother-in-law  
Sgt. Steven L. Lutjen (A) - mother  
CVE Insp. I Mark D. Middleton (D) - mother-in-law  
Sgt. Cameron M. Heath (E) - mother-in-law  
Cpl. Bradley D. Ream (B) - grandmother  
Chief MVI Timothy E. Wade (E) - father-in-law  
Crim. Sprv. E. Todd Garrison (Q/CLD) - father-in-law  
Sgt. David L. Erb (G) - father  
Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Karen S. Erb (G) - father-in-law  
DE Clerk Charlotte F. Fowler (I) - daughter  
Tpr. Thomas E. Young (G) - grandmother

Latent Tech. I Adam W. Patton (Q/CJISD) - grandfather  
Cpl. Eric T. Bartel (C) - father  
Tpr. Ronald W. Eakins (E) - mother  
CVO Sprv. I Steven R. Dye (H) - father  
Chief DE Deborah J. Burton (E) - stepfather-in-law  
Tpr. David L. Johnston (E) - father  
Ret. CVO James J. Christ - mother  
CVO Sprv. II Michael L. Frerer (D) - father  
DE III Shirley A. Frerer (D) - father-in-law  
Ret. Sgt. David O. Meade - mother  
Cpl. Brian C. Logan (H) - grandfather  
CIT II James L. Roberson (Q/ISD) - grandmother  
CIT II Charles A. Stephan (Q/ISD) - mother  
Sgt. C. Rod Land (Q/GSD) - father  
Ret. Major Willard R. Petrus - wife

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# We Remember



*The Troop F Honor Guard took part in the salute to Missouri's fallen heroes.*

*Law enforcement agencies brought elaborate wreaths to honor officers killed in the line of duty.*



*Officers from many Missouri law enforcement agencies stand at parade rest during the memorial ceremony.*



*Mrs. Jennifer Sampietro-Savage helps her sons place flowers in the wreath in memory of their dad, Cpl. John A. "Jay" Sampietro Jr., who was killed in the line of duty in 2005.*